



Saturday 29th March 2025
9:00– 5:30 PM
Institute of Group Analysis
1 Daleham Gardens, London NW3 5BY

Israel-Palestine: Is unresolved group trauma an obstacle for peace?

An IGA Open Workshop

Convenors: Arturo Ezquerro and María Cañete

Guest Speakers: Earl Hopper, Gabrielle Rifkind, Dick Blackwell and Sue Einhorn

First, a hybrid **Open Workshop** (in person and online, see fees below): 9:00 am. – 3:30 pm.

Second, a **Book Launch** (free of charge): 3:15 pm – 5:30 pm: **The Power of Group Attachment** (Routledge)

This workshop explores key aspects of man-made human suffering from a psychoanalytic, group-analytic and group attachment standpoint. It hypothesises that, when unresolved trauma remains untreated, it can be a fuel for vicious cycles of hatred, terror and destruction, as in the Israel-Palestine conflict. With a diversity of presentations, as well as experiential large and small groups, delegates might reflect on the Jewish Holocaust and the Palestinian Nakba, their tragic reverberations today, and possible ways to prevent further trauma and terror.

A clinical case study of an older woman (a Holocaust survivor) is presented. She struggled with her unresolved trauma and, after a suicide attempt, benefited from combined individual and group psychotherapy, which enabled her to come to terms with her traumatic past.

The aim of the workshop is to encourage working harder for peace, endeavouring a deeper understanding of unconscious individual and group psychological defence mechanisms, as well as their sociopolitical context.

Earl Hopper, group analyst, psychoanalyst, sociologist, Editor of the New International Library of Group Analysis, Fellow American Group Psychotherapy Association.

Gabrielle Rifkind, group analyst, mediator in international conflict resolution, psychotherapist, Director Oxford Process

Dick Blackwell, group analyst, family therapist, organisation consultant, Director of the Centre for Psychotherapy and Human Rights.

María Cañete, consultant psychotherapist, psychiatrist, group analyst, specialised in group therapy of psychosis.

Sue Einhorn, social worker, group analyst, supervisor at the Medical Foundation for the Care of Victims of Torture.

Arturo Ezquerro, consultant psychiatrist, psychoanalytic psychotherapist, group analyst, former Head of NHS Medical Psychotherapy Services for Brent (London).

Workshop Programme

09:00 – 09:15: Registration.

09:15 – 10:15: **Diverse views on Israel-Palestine conflict**, Earl Hopper, Gabrielle Rifkind, Dick Blackwell, Sue Einhorn

10:15 – 10:45: **A clinical case study**, Arturo Ezquerro.

10:45 – 11:00: Coffee break.

11:00 – 11:30: **Standing up for humanity**, Maria Cañete.

11:30 – 12:30: **Small experiential groups**.

12:30 – 13:30: Lunch break (not provided).

13:30 – 14:50: **Large Group Plenary**.

14:50 – 15:30: Coffee and Networking

Workshop fees (full programme in person/online talks)

Students IGA, SRF and Bowlby Centre: **£75/£20**

Members IGA, SRF, Bowlby Centre and IAN: **£85/£25**

Public fee: **£95/£30**

Those with financial difficulties may request a special

fee. Write to: arturo.ezquerro@ntlworld.com

Book Launch: The Power of Group Attachment

15:15 – 16:45: Brief presentations and discussion on the new book, in a large group format.

16:45 – 17:30: Networking.

This Launch is **free of charge**, but you need to register (see separate flyer).

The book will be available at a discounted price: **£25**. No card payment facility. Please bring **cash** or a **cheque**.

Registration: you may register for workshop only (either in person or online), book launch only, or both. **Proceeds will go to charity to save lives in Israel and Palestine, and to help with humanitarian reconstruction in Gaza.**

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