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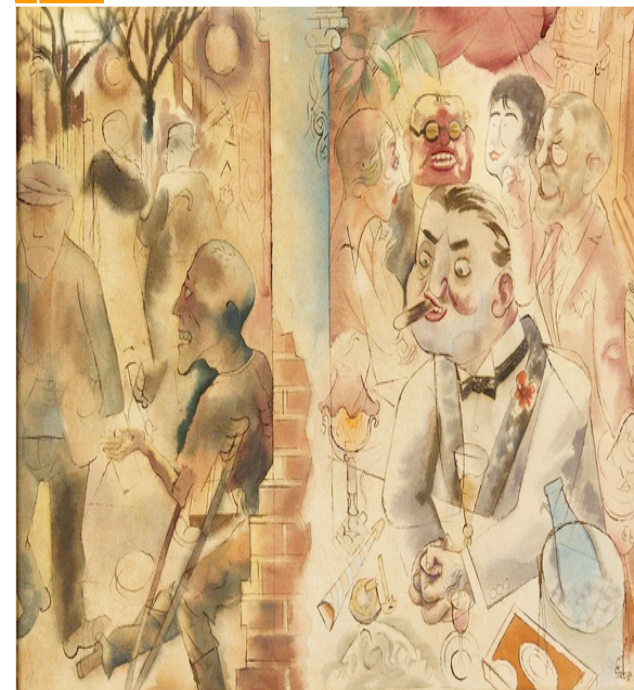
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# PSYCHOANALYSIS AND THE PUBLIC SPHERE 2021 - SOCIAL JUSTICE



**24, 25, 26 September A  
Conference cosponsored by  
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## Conference theme

Is the therapeutic goal of 'ordinary unhappiness' at odds with the pursuit of social justice, that is, of altering skewed environments that we all operate within? Freud's objective, after all, was never stipulated as the ultimate limit of psychoanalytic ambition but rather as a creditable mark of therapeutic achievement for someone starting from hysterical misery. Does the psychoanalyst's task necessarily end where the doorstep to the consulting room begins? Is it reasonable, and practical, to assume that unjust social conditions do not accompany the client/patient into the therapeutic situation, and affix to them no less powerfully when the hour is up?

Novelist Mary McCarthy rued as "Pharasaical virtue" any attempt "to fill a child's stomach and send it home to be hungry again." Is there not a psychological counterpart to this plight?

Race, class and institutional power matter and are not (only) mental constructs. Should one ever encourage a client, figuratively speaking, 'to take up arms against a sea of troubles'? What is the proper ambit of analysis? The 3 day conference explores acute professional challenges and dilemmas that arise from confronting the power exerted by external arrangements upon us. Where do we draw the line between internal and external forces, and why? We bring together psychoanalysts, historians, philosophers and cultural theorists to debate these crucial issues. We strive as ever to operate in the critical spirit of journal founder and conference cofounder Robert Maxwell Young (1935-2019). We also honour Ivan Ward for his contributions over the years.

FRIDAY 24 September,  
Welcoming remarks 2:00-2:10PM  
David Morgan

2:10-3:55PM Panel 1  
Perils of Adjustment in an Age of Rising Inequality  
David Bell, Penny Campling, Jill Gentile, Eli Zaretsky  
Chair: David Morgan

3:55-4:15PM Afternoon break

4:15-6PM Panel 2  
Is Rationality Reasonable?  
Stephen Eric Bronner, Samir Gandesha, Rye Dag Holmboe, Michael Rustin  
Chair: Kurt Jacobsen

SATURDAY 25 September  
2.00-3.45PM Panel 3  
Diversity as Panacea?: Integrating Considerations of Race, Caste and Class  
Carlton Jama Adams, Farhad Dalal, Stephen Frosh, Annie Lee Jones  
Chair: Amal Treacher Kabesh

3:45-4:15PM Afternoon break  
4:15-6:00 PM Panel 4  
Off the Oasis: Consulting Rooms and the Intrusive World  
Constanza Aranguren, Carolyn Laubender, Patricia Morris, Valerie Sinason, Carine Minne  
Chair: Phil Stokoe

SUNDAY 26 September

2:00-3:45PM Panel 5  
Roundtable Discussion  
Social Justice and "Group Psychology and the Analysis of the Ego"  
Lene Auestad, Amy Buzby, Bob Hinshelwood, Agnieszka Piotrowska, Sabby Sagall  
Chair: Barry Richards

3:45-4:10 PM Afternoon break

4:10-5:55 PM Panel 6  
Is Social Justice Just an Obscure Object of Desire?  
Lord John Alderdice, Neil McLaughlin, Ian Parker, Susie Orbach  
Chair: Lisa Appignanesi

5:55-6:00 PM  
Closing Remarks

*free associations*

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