



PCCA - Partners in Confronting Collective Atrocities

Repeating, Reflecting, Moving On: Germans, Jews, Israelis, Palestinians & Others Today

An Experiential Conference in the “Nazareth” Series

*To take place in Platres, Cyprus
3rd – 8th September 2008*

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*The Israel Association for the Study of Group and
Organizational Processes*



Introduction

This conference has a long and distinguished history. The original idea was proposed by a group of brave and visionary psychoanalysts, psychotherapists and group relations consultants in the mid 1980s who felt that a great opportunity for learning from experience about man's inhumanity to man - in particular the instance of the Holocaust - was being avoided and this topic needed to be addressed with some urgency before personal, group and national defensive processes became so set in stone that learning was no longer possible. They accordingly set up a series of conferences, the first two held in Israel, the third in Germany and the next two in Cyprus. The present conference is the sixth in the series. Whereas the first conferences focussed specifically on German/Jewish/Israeli relationships, the fourth and fifth conferences opened up the theme to a wider membership, for want of a better term called Others. This the latest conference retains its roots in the events of the Holocaust and the learning that both staff and members have had from this work, but extends its work to specific groups, in this case Palestinians, as well as leaving the door open to membership of other groups that have similarly been caught up in processes of ill treatment and genocide. Cyprus, the chosen setting, as the interface of many social migrations and conflicts, seems an appropriate venue in which work on these issues might take place. Further details of the history of the series of conferences can be found on our website at <http://www.p-cca.org>.

The Aim of the Conference

The aim of the conference is to provide a setting, away from the pressures of daily activities, in which participants can experience and begin to interpret some of the unconscious and not-quite-conscious factors in the relatedness of the various groupings present at the conference. Living and working together for six days will make it possible to examine previous and ongoing psychic and social processes from different perspectives, to become aware of attitudes, feelings, reactions and fantasies, to reconsider one's identity as a member of a group, to express and explore existing ideas as well as new ones, to apply and test these within the conference itself, and subsequently to take them home for future application in professional and other roles.

Method

A central feature of group relations conferences is the experiential study of group, inter-group and institutional processes; the explicit task is to study processes in the here and now. The structure and agenda of ordinary work organisations and of committees are removed, and without these familiar organizational defences underlying – perhaps unconscious – dynamics are exposed and hence more easily observable. The relation of the consultant to the group is somewhat analogous to that between analyst/therapist and analysand/patient, but, in this case, the “analysand” is the group or larger system, and the focus is on the dynamics of the group as a whole in relation to the task, not on the individuals within it. The exercise is, of course, an educational rather than a therapeutic one. However, there is no teaching of the conventional kind, and what the individual participant learns is not, and cannot be, prescribed. Rather, this depends on how each individual uses his/her own authority and internal resources to participate, to reflect upon their experience, and to contribute to the ongoing the process.

Membership

The conference is intended for those who wish to work on enmities, old or new, that are deeply embedded and hence may seem insurmountable. It is an opportunity for all who suffer on account of such dynamics, or are troubled by them, to work, through their own experience, towards understanding - rather than surrendering to - the psychological, social and group forces involved.

The conference can accommodate 60 members at most and early registration is therefore advisable.

The Role of Staff

The Staff are a significant element in the conference. They are not dispassionate observers of the process but are actively involved in it. However, they also have specific tasks and roles.

First, they act collectively as the conference management, with responsibility and authority for providing the boundary conditions – task, territory and time – essential to enabling participants (staff and members) to engage in the primary task of the conference. Second, individual staff members take up specific directorial, administrative and consultant roles.

It is the task of the consultants in the “here and now” events to try, on the basis of their own experiences and observations of the events, to offer working hypotheses about what is happening and how this understanding might foster learning from experience in the service of change.

The Program

The conference working day will usually begin at 9:00 and end at 21:30. However, on the first day (3rd September 2008) the Opening Plenary will begin at 14:30, and the final event will end at 12:30 on 8th September. In addition one evening slot (18:00 onwards), and one afternoon slot (13:00 to 14:30) will be left free. The working day will be interspersed by breaks for lunch (13h00 to 14h30), coffee (10:30-11:00; 16:00-16:30) and dinner (18:00-20:00).

The primary task of the conference is pursued through several different types of event which amongst others will include:

Small Study Groups (SSG). These are mixed groups of 8-12 members, with a consultant. The task is to study the behaviour of the group, as a group, in the here and now.

Large Group (LG). This group brings together the entire conference membership with several consultants. The task is to study the 'here and now' of the large group process as it unfolds.

System Event (SE). All participants are involved. Members will join specifically defined groups at the beginning of the event and the task is to study the ongoing processes of establishing and developing relationships in the system as a whole. Staff will take part in the event as a management group and will also make consultancy available. The event closes in a plenary session.

Plenaries (P). There are 3 plenaries, involving all members and staff. The Opening Plenary introduces the conference and provides an opportunity to explore the experience of crossing the boundary into the conference and taking up roles within it. The Closing Plenary is also designed for work on the process of ending.

Review and Application Groups (RAG). Depending on the conference membership, about 5-7 members of the same nationality or same background in each group. The purpose is to enable members to examine and reflect on their experience in the roles they have taken within the conference. Furthermore, to work at articulating and conceptualising conference experience, in particular exploring its future application to the members' professional and other roles outside.

A consultant will be provided to facilitate this work.

Depending on the composition and/or dynamic of the conference, the above list of events should be regarded as provisional – events may be modified or additional ones introduced. A detailed timetable of events will be made available to participants at the beginning of the conference.

Conference Management and Staff

Conference Director

Anton Obholzer, BSc. M.B.Ch.B. F.R.C.Psych Consultant Psychiatrist and formerly Chief Executive, The Tavistock Clinic; Psychoanalyst and Organisational Consultant, Faculty INSEAD Leadership Centre France, Member PCCA; UK

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Administrator

Dorothee v. Tippelskirch-Eissing, PhD, Dipl.-Psych.; Psychotherapist, Psychoanalyst (German Psychoanalytical Association/IPA) in private practice; Lecturer in Psychology and Supervisor Abraham Geiger College; Germany

Consulting Staff

Will be drawn from amongst the following:

Eliat Aram, PhD, Principal Organisational Development and Change Consultant and Coach, Tavistock Institute; Chartered Psychologist and Psychotherapist; Trainer and Supervisor, Metanoia Institute; Professional Associate, Grubb Institute; Member OFEK; Israel, UK

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Louisa Diana Brunner, M.Sc., Management and Organisational Consultant; Selection and Career Counselling to the MBA courses, Bocconi University School of Management; Treasurer PCCA; Member OFEK, OPUS and CSGSS-the Boston Affiliate of AKRI; Italy

Fakhry Davids

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Anton Obholzer

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Dorothee v. Tippelskirch-Eissing

General Information

Dates: The conference will begin at 14:30 on September 3, 2008, and will end at 12:30 on September 8, 2008.

Language: The conference working language will be English, except where a single-nationality group is working with a consultant of the same nationality. However, potential participants are encouraged to register even if they are not fully fluent in English: they can expect to receive help with translation into English when needed.

Place: It will take place at the Forest Park Hotel in Platres, located in the Trodoos mountains Cyprus. Members and staff will reside and work at the conference hotel. The hotel mailing address and telephone number is:

Forest Park Hotel
P.O.Box 59018
4820 Platres
Limassol, Cyprus

Tel. ++357-25-421751

Fax: ++357-25-421875

E-mail: forest@cytanet.com.cy

Web page: www.forestparkhotel.com.cy

Fee: The full fee for the conference is €1.100.

The low fee has been made possible through support for this project provided by the IPS, DPG and DPV.

A double occupancy rate is also available for members who wish to share a room. This must be arranged with Geber + Reusch.

Bursaries: A limited number of full and of partial bursaries are available on request. For a request form contact Geber+Reusch.

Further Information: Further information regarding travel, accommodation, meeting facilities etc. will be sent to registered members prior to the conference. Note: Because of the limited number of flights to Cyprus, it is advisable to make flight reservations as early as possible. Geber+Reusch will assist should need be.

Registration

A deposit for the Booking Fee of € 100 must accompany the completed Registration Form (p.10).

The full fee must be paid by July 15th.

The address for Registration fee and forms, balance of fees and further information is:

Geber + Reusch
Habichtsweg 11
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Telefax: ++49 - (0)69 - 9050 88 84
e-mail: geber-reusch@t-online.de

Members should transfer their bank-orders in EUR to:

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bank reference 670 800 50
account nr. 07 112 762 04
IBAN DE10 67080050 0711276204
SWIFT: DRESDEFF670

Please make sure that the cheques are made out for the correct amount, excluding whatever bank fees may be involved

What is PCCA – Partners in Confronting Collective Atrocities?

PCCA - Partners in Confronting Collective Atrocities, is a registered non profit organization.

PCCA aims to increase understanding between feuding ethnic or national groups suffering from collective persecution and victimization.

The working method is primarily that of Group Relations conferences.

Partners in Confronting Collective Atrocities works towards developing strategies to engage with the internal legacy of past atrocities that can contribute to opening up the possibility of a more hopeful future.

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Registration Form

Surname _____ First Name _____ Title _____

Gender _____ Year of Birth _____ Citizenship _____

Home Address, Street _____ City+ Zip _____

Country _____ Telephone _____ Fax _____

E-Mail _____ Profession _____

Professional Affiliation/Membership _____

Name of Organization _____

- I enclose the booking fee of € 100
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Signature _____ Date _____