

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR PSYCHOANALYTIC EDUCATION

**IFPE Nineteenth Annual Interdisciplinary Conference
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Boston, Massachusetts
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***ENCOUNTERS AND ESCAPES—
DANGER AND DESIRE
IN THE ANALYTIC CONNECTION***

Call for Participation

The theme of this year's conference, *Encounters and Escapes – Danger and Desire in the Analytic Connection*, celebrates the adventure of psychoanalytic encounter. It is our hope that the full range of people interested in psychoanalysis – scholars, clinicians, artists, academicians, researchers – and all those who participate in the evolving analytic adventure – those who think, intuit, and feel – respond to our call for participation with proposals for papers, panels, pageants, poetry and performances.

Psychoanalysis began with observations of the hidden pathways of desire, both repressions and sublimations that erupt into symptoms and character formation, to then explore the unfolding of the remarkable interactions of the psychoanalytic dyad. In the century and more that followed, psychoanalysis has focused and re-focused in countless ways on the mysterious, elusive labyrinth known as the unconscious mind.

About IFPE

Founded in 1991, IFPE is an inclusive organization whose membership is open to anyone with a self-defined and proclaimed interest in the varying discourses of psychoanalysis, such as clinical, academic, artistic, literary, or philosophical. The range of thinking that characterizes contemporary psychoanalysis has different perspectives in education, epistemology, ethics, and theory. These perspectives speak to the many equally meaningful interpretations of psychoanalytic discourse. The Federation provides the opportunity for interpretive encounters with these richly diverse and creative perspectives of the world, people, life, and psychoanalysis. A defining perspective of what IFPE offers is its inclusiveness of this diversity of thinking, the threads of which are woven, at once, into the philosophical fabric of its governance structure and annual interdisciplinary conferences.

IFPE seeks to create vital space for understanding psychoanalysis where each person can evolve and where the future of our field begins to take shape.

This year's theme: Encounters and Escapes – Danger and Desire in the Analytic Connection

Each year we strive to present an exciting, cutting edge and open-ended theme that will stimulate thought and feeling and will provide an opportunity for creative participation in the broadest possible way. We hope that this year's theme evokes the adventure and aliveness of psychoanalytic connections. To be human is ultimately undefinable, and to engage in connection with each other's unconscious processes is part of the undefinable experience of being human. And yet for those with a commitment to psychoanalysis, we seek these encounters, seek to understand these encounters and to live as we can within these encounters. To be human is to live and embrace danger and desire. To seek connection is to embrace danger and desire.

Please interpret this year's theme your way. Bring your sense of adventure, of encounter, of danger, and desire.

We offer some possible ways to address this theme. They are only possibilities, only starting points. Your possibilities, your starting points, are welcome.

- ❖ Countertransference encounters: ethical considerations
- ❖ Whose desire, whose danger, whose encounter, whose escape?
- ❖ Alexithymic encounters: escape from memory, feeling, experience
- ❖ When worlds collide: identifications, disidentifications and shared disassociations in the analytic encounter
- ❖ What forms of psychoanalytic education are desirable and what must be escaped from if we are to thrive?

Proposal guidelines

Abstracts of proposals should be submitted electronically, as attachments in “.doc” or “.rtf” format. Abstracts should be brief (**250 to 500 words**), yet long enough to convey the substance of the proposal. Cover page should include title, name of presenter(s), address(es), email address(es), and phone number(s). **The abstract page should note title only – no names.** Please indicate if there are any audio-visual requirements, and if the presenter can provide the necessary equipment. **Please note that IFPE encourages full attendee participation, and sufficient time should be allotted for discussion as well as presentation.** We allot **50 minutes** for an individual presentation; **25 minutes** of that time should be set aside for discussion. We allot one hour and forty-five minutes for panel presentations, of which **30 minutes** should be set aside for discussion. The Program Committee may combine individual presentations with related themes into panel presentations. Accepted papers may be circulated in advance to allow for greater informality at the time of the presentation.

We will distribute a booklet of abstracts with brief biographical and contact information to all participants and registrants at the time of the conference. Abstracts will also be posted on the IFPE web site. The conference is conducted in English. Bi-lingual or multi-lingual proposals must be accompanied by an English translation.

All presenters must pre-register for the conference.

Send email submissions of your proposal and brief biographical statement no later than June 9, 2008 to:

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