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would like to invite you to:

The International Jungian Conference



"Limits, Liminality and Primeval Experience in Analytical Psychology and in Other Contemporary Approaches"

Wrocław, Poland, September 1-3, 2022

University of Wrocław / Poland

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“But here we are with our immediate experiences of something that is—something that has taken root in the midst of our measurable, ponderable, three-dimensional reality, that differs mysteriously from this in every respect and in all its parts, and yet reflects it” (Jung, CW 8 § 671).

„An integral component of any nocturnal, numinous experience is the dimming of consciousness, the feeling that one is in the grip of something greater than oneself, the impossibility of exercising criticism, and the paralysis of the will. Under the impact of the experience reason evaporates and another power spontaneously takes control—a most singular feeling which one willy-nilly hoards up as a secret treasure no matter how much one's reason may protest. That, indeed, is the uncomprehended purpose of the experience—to make us feel the overpowering presence of a mystery” (Jung, CW 18, § 787).

In the light of the above, we would like to explore different forms of the unconscious experiences from the borderline between conscious and unconscious world. This **liminal reality** can be observed in different philosophical, psychological and anthropological categories or dimensions. Experiencing of this “otherness” has been described as a different order of reality, in existential contexts, in the concepts of *homo religiosus*, crossing *conditio humana*, a state of limbo, “being in between” etc. It’s been culturally associated with rituals of passage, crossing a boundary of the sacred, with different forms of transition – for example towards becoming a “new man,” through confusion, disorientation, disintegration and chaos. In Jungian terms, this path leads towards restitution of an inner order, but also acquiring new insights, integration and psychological development. During the conference we will focus on different forms of those primary experience.

Our efforts will be especially focused on the three dimensions:

1. **Borderlines** between different worlds, experiences or realities, especially between conscious and unconscious. These liminal forms of experience include but not limited to: penetration of unconscious or “foreign contents”, experiencing of “otherness,” uncanniness, psychical diseases, psychic transformation, state *abaissement du niveau mental*, altered states of mind, the states of *mysterium tremendum et fascinans*, near death experience, psychedelic experience.
2. **From the perspective of a society**, we’d like to recognise a society in transition, social primeval experiences in different cultural and social conditions, but also about dynamic relationship between society and individual. We’d like to observe and study different forms of individual and collective transformation or change.
3. One of general goals of the conference will be to develop **applicability of Jungian thought** to wider range of the contemporary psychological and social phenomena. Our major task will be to outline the contemporary usefulness and applicability of ideas of analytical psychology at the beginning of XXI century while simultaneously making a critical review of this conception.

Thus the proposed conference is directed not only to Jungian scholars, Jungian analysts, psychologists or psychiatrists, but also to the researchers representing other general areas: philosophy, anthropology, sociology, cultural studies, political science, medicine etc.

We invite you to join us together with those who use Jung's concepts in their studies, practice

and various forms of research.

If you are interested in participating in these efforts we would like to invite you to join us by sending a proposal of for a presentation.

All proposals should be submitted either via the EasyChair.org website:

<https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=jung2022>

or by sending to the email addresses: karol.morawski@uwr.edu.pl; ilona.blocian@uwr.edu.pl.
About the registration process you can read in the separate section of this website.

The time for one presentation – 30 minutes.

Deadline for the applications – 1.05.2022. The application should also contain a summary (up to 500 words), which can be published in the conference program and a short note about the author. These documents should be sent in txt, pdf or doc format.

Depending on the conditions, the conference will be held stationary (**In-person**) and/or **online**. Please make a decision on this matter and sending information- by the end of May 2022 (to the above addresses).

Regards,

Organising Committee