



# PSYCHOANALYSIS AND POLITICS

## PSYCHODYNAMICS IN TIMES OF AUSTERITY

SPRING SYMPOSIUM IN THE PORTUGUESE PSYCHOANALYTIC SOCIETY MAY 18<sup>TH</sup>– 20<sup>TH</sup> 2018

### FRIDAY 18<sup>th</sup>

09.00-09.30 Opening address with presentation round

09.30-10.20 TERESA SANTOS NEVES/ CARLOS FERRAZ – When Shock is not Shocking: Psychodynamics Underlying the Acceptance of Austerity

10.30-11.20 LENE AUESTAD – Austerity, Time and the Common World

11.30-12.20 DUARTE ROLO – Psychoanalysis and Social Suffering: From Psychologisation to Politisation

12.30-13.20 RENÉE DANZIGER – We're All in This Together: The Myth of Austerity

13.20-15.00 Lunch

15.00-15.50 MARGARITA PALACIOS – Becoming the People: A Critique to Populist Aesthetics of Visibility

16.00-16.50 ZELJKA MATIJAŠEVIĆ – The Reduction of Melancholy to Depression: What is Being Lost?

17.00-17.50 NAYLA DEBS – Clinical Practice in Neoliberal Times: Individual Distress, Global Precariousness and the Need to Define New Forms of Materialism

18.00-18.50 RAFAEL DAUD – Anorexia as Austerity's Other Side of the Coin

### SATURDAY 19<sup>th</sup>

09.00-09.50 SAMIR GANDESHA – The Authoritarian Personality Reconsidered

10.00-10.50 JAMIE STEELE – Can Psychoanalysis save us from this Pain? Reflections on Moving Through a Sociology of Sadistic Privilege

11.00-11.50 PHILIP HEWITT – Austerity as a Governing Mental State

12.00-12.50 SZYMON WRÓBEL – Productivity of Poverty. Managing Poverty in Philosophy from Benjamin and Heidegger to Agamben, Negri and Hardt

12.50-14.30 Lunch

14.30-15.20 EFI KOUTANTOU – Loss and Trauma during the Greek Crisis: A Collapse of an Ideal?

15.30-16.20 MARINA PRENTOULIS – Violent Encounters: 'Acting Out' before redrawing the Political Frontiers

16.30-17.20 ANDREAS MURRAY – Political Extremism and Religious Terror

17.30-18.20 JENYU PENG – Utopian Imagination as a Way of Revolt against Realpolitik. Reflections upon the Sunflower Movement in Taiwan

(Joint dinner, covered by the organizers, in the evening)

### SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup>

09.00-09.50 EVELINE LIST – Austerity: Economic Theory, Mainstream Ideology and Psycho-Social Reality

10.00-10.50 LINDEN WEST – Austerity and Austere Psychoanalysis? Challenging Boundaries between Psychoanalysis, Zombie Economics and a New Politics

11.00-11.50 TOMASZ KUDELSKI – Some Thoughts on Political Developments in Europe in Times of Austerity: Political Dynamics as a Reflection on a Group Level of 'the Internal Mafia Gang' Organization of the Personality

12.00-12.50 CHIARA ALFANO – Sucking on the Public Teat: Welfare and Austerity in Shakespeare's Coriolanus and Post WW2 Britain

12.50-14.30 Lunch

14.30-15.20 EDWARD WEISBAND – Austerity, Thy Name be Narcissus, Thy Face be Three Vanities: Digital Selfie Narcissism, Populist Identitarian Narcissism, and Avaricious Authoritarian Narcissism

15.30-16.20 SEBASTIÃO VIOLA – When Neoliberalism becomes too Real: Trump and the use of Psy Diagnosis as an Ideological Device

16.30-17.20 Closing discussion, feedback about the conference

The conference lasts for three full days, from about 9 am until about 6 pm Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The time frame for each paper is 30 min for the presentation itself + 20 min for discussion, 50 min in total, and with a 10 min break in between each paper. This is an interdisciplinary conference. Perspectives from different psychoanalytic schools will be most welcome. We promote discussion among the presenters and participants; the symposium series creates a space where representatives of different perspectives come together, engage with one another's contributions and participate in a community of thought. Therefore, attendance of the whole symposium is obligatory. Due to the nature of the forum audio recording is not permitted. This is a relatively small symposium where active participation is encouraged and an enjoyable social atmosphere is sought. A participation fee, which includes a shared dinner with wine, of € 299 before March 1st 2018 – € 377 between March 1st 2018 and April 10th 2018 – € 455 after April 10th, is to be paid before the symposium. Fees must be paid via Picatic. (Transaction fees are not included in the price).

Unfortunately, we are unable to offer travel grants or other forms of financial assistance for this event, though we will be able to assist you in finding affordable accommodation after February 1<sup>st</sup>. Please contact us if you wish to make a donation towards the conference. We thank all donors in advance! We would like to thank the Portuguese Psychoanalytical Society.

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