



Asia Pacific CONFERENCE SYDNEY 2024

2-4 MAY 2024, PIER ONE
SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

CALL FOR PAPERS AND PROPOSALS

Asia Pacific Conference 2024

THEME AND TOPICS

Candidates thinking about 'Suffering and Desires across Cultures'

In the Asia Pacific region, natural disasters like floods and wildfires, as well as the social issues resulting from colonialisation and centuries of immigration have dominated our awareness. Psychoanalysts have been in this region for a very long time, and we want to offer a forum for the region's psychoanalytic thinking and discussion to continue to thrive and consider the impact of these processes and events.

Candidates have been affected in their training by the despair at the disintegration of the world, and they are familiar with their patients' suffering, and some have also been affected by migration themselves.

During the beginning of the pandemic, we were deprived from sharing our experiences and from the pleasure of thinking and considering the different realities together. Very quickly we found new ways of connecting and maintaining the links that are so important to what we do. However, when we were able to be in person again, we encountered the accelerated pace of the impact of our destructiveness, new diseases that challenged science, an increasing amount of natural disasters, and alarming political decisions made by different nations. Now we also face the tension between the wish to connect in person and the impact of travelling long distances on the environment.

How do we think about the death drive in its manifestation of us destroying our and our childrens' world? Let's reflect on how we can help our patients face the omnipotent stance with which we face the world and its resources. We are learning how to integrate events in

the external world that pertain to both patient and candidate into the work with the internal world.

Governments' decisions continue to affect the lives of patients and candidates. To what extent is the outcome of the exertion of power and colonialisation impacting on the way we learn about psychoanalysis and how we develop our practice? How do we conceptualise racism and ecocide in our practice?

Is the psychoanalytic desire to understand and a wish to improve things another omnipotent defence against facing reality? Is desire a representation of the life drive which we try to foster and support to survive? From another perspective we wonder whether desire in current times has also aligned to a pathological need to be immersed in destructiveness.

We hope that these reflections will encourage you to participate and write.

The two keynote speakers selected will be awarded. The winners will receive a certificate of recognition, their papers will be published in the IPSO Journal and there will be a cash prize of \$US400 for first place and a cash prize of \$US200 for second place.

We look forward to receiving your papers by the **30th of November 2023.**

Paper Submission guidelines

What are our expectations from your paper?

Psychoanalytic papers shall be on the theme of the conference. The paper must be an original work, not been published before nor read in any other international conference. Paper requirements: Submissions should include a title, a short description/abstract (max. 500 words) and the full paper (max. 2500 words). The presentation should not take longer than 20 minutes. If the submission does not follow these rules, the paper will not be reviewed.

Who can submit a paper?

Only IPSO members can submit papers for this call. If you are not a member yet, you can become one by getting in contact with the Vice-President of your region (details can be found on the IPSO website) and by paying the IPSO dues.

How to submit a paper?

Papers should be submitted by email to IPSO-Editor@ipso-candidates.org.uk and to IPSO-Mail@ipso.world by sending two different files to each email address. The first file should only have a title and the author's name. While the second file, should have title, abstract and full paper without the author's name.

Language of the paper?

Papers should be submitted in English. Proposals will be reviewed by two independent peer reviewers according to the following criteria: Relevance to the conference theme, originality of the topic, psychoanalytical quality of the paper, coherence between the theoretical proposal and the clinical or experiential material.

Important Dates

Last date for receiving the full paper - **November, 30th 2023.**

For queries, please contact us at ipsoasiapacific100@gmail.com

Best regards, IPSO Asia-Pacific Conference Programme Committee, 2024.