# On the other side

## Identity and Identification in Europe in crisis



### **European Regional Meeting**

17 – 19 March 2017, Amsterdam

Powered by ISPSO and AVCCC

Warmly supported by RINO and University Utrecht / School of Governance - Executive Programme Coaching and Consulting in Context

## Introduction

We welcome members of ISPSO<sup>1</sup>, AVCCC<sup>2</sup>, RINO<sup>3</sup> colleagues, USBO<sup>4</sup> colleagues and all our professional network partners from the psychoanalytical and psychodynamic field to participate in this ERM 2017 in Amsterdam, the city without borders. The central theme of this ERM in a process of co-creation, is:

## On the other side Identity and Identification in Europe in crisis

#### Introduction to the theme

European identity is in crisis. At its core is the freedom of movement for homeland and workplace. Yet the refugee crisis has increased the pace of prejudice against existing foreign workers and their communities. Europe numbers these days more than ever before in modern history, many hopeless people and refugees who are on the move across all borders into and through its countries. Fleeing for anxiety and to escape from war and uproar in their homeland, they try to find a new safe place, where they want to integrate and be part of society in neighborhoods, with a recreated identity, bringing in their own cultural, social and religious habits and beliefs. They seek a place where they can work, study, raise their children safely and contribute to the economic growth of the new country. Whether if they are allowed to stay permanently or not, the political, social, religious and socio-economic effects and impact of this noticeable historical development on countries, between countries, and within local societies is immense.

We will offer you an interactive program to reflect on these events to get a better understanding of the minds and behavior of the people "on other side". Besides that you will be offered a chance to work on our psychoanalytical contribution to the society, companies, government organizations, politics, religious institutions and how to deal with these people on-the-move from different interdependent perspectives: cultural, organizational, individual and through leadership. Apart from our professional roles, what is the impact for each human being? How does one relate to the other, with whom/ what do you identify with? What does it mean in terms of one's behaviour; having to deal with the anxiety of change and fear of the unknown?

<sup>2</sup> The Dutch 'Alumni Association Coaching and Consulting in Context';

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The 'International Society for the Psychoanalytical Study of Organizations'

AVCCC is linked to the Department of Social Studies of the University of Utrecht <sup>3</sup> The RINO is a Dutch center for Education and Inspiration in Mental Health Care.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Executive Programme Coaching and Consulting in Context

#### Cooperation

The inter-organizational committee is developing this actual theme 'On the other side, Identity and Identification in Europe in crisis' through a two-and-a half day conference design in a creative coproduction between the ISPSO, the AVCCC-Netherlands and hosted by RINO Amsterdam. This cooperation is the outcome of the wish of both organisations ISPSO and AVCCC to be connected to and work together with related professionals and organizations in the field of organizational psychoanalysis and psychodynamics.

#### The inter-organizational committee ERM 2017

Hans Blom – member ISPSO; Marcel de Groen – chair AVCCC; Susanna Hietbrink – member ISPSO and AVCCC; Pauline van Noort – member AVCCC; Djura Prins – member AVCCC

#### Warmly supported by: Richard Morgan Jones, ISPSO / LARA

We invite you warmly, ISPSO board and members, AVCCC board and members, RINO colleagues, USBO colleagues and students and organisational consultants and coaches to work with us together during the European Regional Meeting 2017 to develop a better understanding of the other side in Europe.

#### Participants

ERM 2017 is open to ISPSO members, AVCCC members and other professionals, interested in working with the theme within a systemic psycho-analytic or psychodynamic frame of reference. There is a maximum of 40 participants.

## Program

The ERM starts at 16.30 on Friday March 17<sup>th</sup> 2017 and ends on Sunday March 19<sup>th</sup> at 13.00. Welcome, registration and opening of the ERM will take place in the Dutch film museum Eye, Amsterdam. Saturday and Sunday the ERM will take place at RINO, Leidseplein 5, Amsterdam.

#### Friday (EYE-film museum)

16.30 – 17.00	Registration, coffee / tea
17.00 – 17.15	Welcome, Richard Morgan Jones (ISPSO, chair LARA) Marcel de Groen (chair
	AVCCC)
17.15 – 17.30	Introduction to the theme, further detail program and logistics
17.30 – 18.15	Marli Huijer, key-note speaker
18.15 – 18.30	Dialogue with Marli Huijer
18.30 – 19.30	Reception, drinks and small bites

#### Saturday: (RINO)

08.30-09.30:	Social Dreaming
09.30 - 10.00:	Break and light breakfast
10.00 - 10.15:	Opening of the day
10.15 - 11.00:	Marc de Kesel, key-note speaker
11.00 - 11.15:	Dialogue with Marc de Kesel
11 .15– 11.30:	Break (coffee, tea)
11.30 - 13.00:	Parallel workshops I
13.00 - 14.00:	Break / lunch
14.00-15.30	Parallel workshops II
15.30 - 16.00	Break (coffee, tea)
16.00 - 17.00:	Closing reflection (plenary)
17.00 – 17.30:	Break
17.30:	Start social event: boattrip through the canals of Amsterdam to
18.00-22.00:	RIVA, restaurant for diner
± 22.00	Return Leidseplein

#### Sunday: (RINO)

o8.30 - 09.30: Social Dreaming
o9.30 - 10.00: Break and light breakfast
10.00 - 11.30: Workshops findings
11.30 - 12.30: Closing reflection
12.30 - 12.45: Closing ERM
12.45 - 13.00: Lunch and farewell

## Highlights

**Keynote Friday Marli Huijer.** Prof.dr. Marli Huijer is the first woman to become Thinker Laureate, the Country as leading philosopher. In addition, she is a professor by special appointment in public philosophy at the Erasmus University Rotterdam. Educated as philosopher and medical doctor, Huijer is using her honorary function as the "Denker des Vaderlands" to focus on public area as "interstitial spaces" so that the voices of others who are generally less noticed can be heard clearly. Huijer's works include Ritme [Rhythm], Discipline [Discipline] and Achterblijven [Staying behind]. She appears regularly in the media and participates in public discussions.

**Keynote Saturday Marc de Kesel**. Marc De Kesel (PhD in philosophy) is Scientific Secretary and Senior Researcher at the <u>Titus Brandsma Institute</u>, Radboud University Nijmegen (The Netherlands). He is doing philosophical research in fields such as Theory of Religion and Mysticism, Holocaust Reception, Freudo-Lacanian Theory. He published on the ethics of psychoanalysis (*Eros & Ethics*, Albany, 2009), on the critical core of monotheism (*Goden breken [Breaking Gods*], Amsterdam, 2010), on the logic of gift-giving (*Niets dan liefde [Nothing but Love]*, Amsterdam, 2012), on Holocaust reception (*Auschwitz mon amour*, Amsterdam, 2012), and on Slavoj Zizek (*Zizek*, Amsterdam, 2012). In his Keynote, Marc de Kesel will explore, from a psycho-analitical frame, the theme "On the other side"

#### **Social Dreaming**

The Social Dreaming Matrix will be hosted by Rose Redding Mersky, Annemette Hasselager and Toni Mateeva, who live in different parts of Europe. Rose has just finished her Ph.D. studies on the development of a new methodology, Social Dream-Drawing. She is an international honorary trustee of the Gordon Lawrence Foundation for the promotion of Social Dreaming and lives in Solingen, Germany. Annemette is an external lecturer on the Master's Degree Program in Organizational Psychology at Roskilde University. She works with development and change processes in public and private sector companies and with individuals. She co-chaired ISPSO's 2010 annual meeting in Elsinore and chaired ISPSO's 2015 regional meeting in Copenhagen. She lives in Copenhagen, Denmark. Toni supervises groups of psychotherapists and develops professional development programs for organizational consultants and other professionals. She directed the 2013 ISPSO regional meeting in Sofia and was part of the planning committee for the 2016 ISPSO Annual Meeting in Granada. She lives in Sofia, Bulgaria.

### Workshops Saturday

#### Parallel workshops I

The parallel workshops I are thematic elaborations from the theme from this ERM, 'on the other side' and are offering a transitional space to the participants to explore their own experience and thoughts in the context of the workshop system and with the other participants. Every workshop has a presentation by an expert, who, from his experience, applies a framework for the work. Every workshop is also being supported by a facilitator, experienced as a consultant in the work of psychoanalytic or psychodynamic consulting.

#### Themes

#### Leadership and the New Authoritarian Settlement (presented by Simon Western)

Across Europe and in the USA we are seeing a rise of authoritarian leadership, often exploiting poor economic conditions and concerns about immigration. Much of the focus from a 'liberal-progressive' political perspective is to look at these leaders as the 'bad object' which needs to be removed like a tumour. From a psychoanalytic perspective the common response is to point to the politics of splitting and basic fight flight assumptions. This talk will broaden the question of authoritarianism and utilise different psychoanalytic theory to reveal three trends: 1) Soft authoritarianism hidden within 'progressive politics') the rise of libidinal politics, 3) How unconscious enjoyment sustains both the hard authoritarian position and the soft authoritarianism, pointing out how each feeds off and sustains the other.

#### Part-up: (Presented by Laurens Waling)

The presenter is Laurens Waling, founder, social entrepreneur and member of the Part-up board. Part-up is the marketplace for teamwork. Part-up teams are formed outside and inside organizations and companies, but also private and social initiatives to organize and execute temporally projects.

#### Self-Managing teams in care: (Presented by Anne Nieboer)

Decreasing trust in institutions in society and the need to find solutions in self-organizing groups of professionals and caretakers without management raises questions about the position of these professionals in relation to the institutions and the way the handle their fears and mistakes. Anne Nieboer studied psychology and after working for a consultancy company and starting a home-care organization, she started her own Consulting office.

#### Individual and culture:

The influx of many hopeless people and refugees - with a forefront of young Muslim males - that are on the move over all borders into and through its countries, changes the balance in Europe and the countries of Europe. The idea of a society with his own identification changes fast but there is also a movement looking for cultural identification.

#### Parallel workshops II

In this session the language of art will provide a different space to explore the unconscious related to the congress theme. It will offer participants the opportunity to explore 'the other side" of their thoughts, experiences and ideas related to the theme.

Disciplines: Theatre, Music and Fine arts

#### **Sunday: Findings**

On Sunday we will reflect on the findings and experiences of the day before.

## Social Programme

The social program includes:

- Welcome reception Friday afternoon Eye, film museum
- Boattour from Leidseplein to the restaurant and return (additional price)
- Dinner at restaurant Riva (additional price)

## Registration, accommodation etc.

#### **Meeting Registration Fee**

There will be an early bird fee until january 15<sup>th</sup> 2017:

- Members ISPSO and AVCCC € 190,-
- Non-members € 210,-

After January 15<sup>th</sup> 2017 the fee is:

- Members ISPSO and AVCCC € 215,-
- Non-members € 235,-

The fee includes reception on Friday, breakfast, lunch and refreshments throughout the meeting on Saturday and Sunday. Obviously we strive for an equal amount of participants representing both organisations. Therefore we recommend early bird registration. The number of participants will be limited to 40, and a waiting list will be established if necessary.

There is an optional boat-tour through the canals and dinner at RIVA. The cost for the boat-tour will be about € 20,- each, the dinner € 55,-

#### **Registration Form and Payment**

The registration form has space to include any special requirements regarding breakfast and lunch Saturday and Sunday. Questions can be addressed to the organizing committee at <a href="mailto:errm2017@ispso.org">errm2017@ispso.org</a>

#### Accommodation

We have identified different hotels, which are both central, are well known, and are either within walking distance or gives you easy access to the conference centre, DAC, by metro. You can follow the link to the possibilities for an hotel: <u>https://www.corporatehotelconnections.nl/ispso-erm-2/</u> Please arrange your own accommodation.

#### How to reach EYE and RINO

#### Friday welcome in Eye, IJprommenade 1, 1031 KT Amsterdam.

Eye can be reached by Shuttle Ferry

From Amsterdam's Central Station, a free shuttle ferry that runs 24 hours a day will take you to the other side of the IJ harbour; take the ferry that is labelled 'Buiksloterweg'. The ferry ride only takes 3 minutes. If you are travelling from Central Station, this ferry will be located on one of the two middle pontoons. When you get off the ferry in Amsterdam Noord, turn left immediately and then walk three minutes to EYE. For more information, see website Eye, <u>www.eyefilm.nl</u>

#### Saturday and Sunday work in RINO, Leidseplein 5, 1017 PR Amsterdam

- From Central Station, tram 1, 2 and 5 within 15 minutes to Leidseplein
- From Amstel Station, take the metro to Weesperplein. From Weesperplein tram 7 of 10 to Leidseplein (± 15 minutes)
- From Amsterdam Duivendrecht take the metro to Weesperplein. From Weesperplein tram 7 of 10 to Leidseplein (± 15 minutes)

For more information, see website RINO: www.rino.nl