



# IAFP

International Association  
for Forensic Psychotherapy

## IAFP ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**SYDNEY 22-24 MAY 2025**

### **LOCATING THE DISTURBANCE IN VIOLENT OFFENDING: SELF, SYSTEM, SOCIETY?**

This special conference wishes to welcome not only those who specialise in forensic mental health, probation, and lawyers but especially, all of our colleagues in the fields of counselling, psychology, psychotherapy, psychoanalysis, social work, and other related arenas.

Forensic services are evolving in Australia and New Zealand. Ongoing challenges include an over representation of First Nations people in the prison system, high rates of adverse childhood experiences, mental illness, trauma and substance abuse. Mental health services are over stretched and not able to meet demand.

Our speakers will include esteemed psychotherapists, mental health professionals, lawyers, academics and social activists from many countries.

This conference will be of great interest to both those who already work in the field, or who are new to it and would like to know more.

#### **KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**

Professor Anthony Bateman (UK)

Professor Gwen Adshead (UK)

Professor Brin Grenyer (Australia)

A/Professor Tim Keogh (Australia)

Dr Anne Aiyegbusi (UK)

Dr Colin Campbell (UK)

## **CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

We are calling for abstracts and presentations around the broader theme of violence, encouraging diverse perspectives as well as submissions from groups and teams of individuals.

We would especially welcome abstracts discussing personality disorder and violent offending, trauma, and the impact of colonization.

Please send abstracts of 300 words to:

**[IAFP2025abstracts@googlegroups.com](mailto:IAFP2025abstracts@googlegroups.com)**

Please submit the abstract as a Microsoft Word document including the following details: author/s (underline presenting author/s) organisation, address for correspondence, country telephone numbers including country dialling code, e-mail and required technical equipment.

If you are a first-time presenter, please consider if you want to apply for the Gill McGauley award of the IAFP. [Further details are available here.](#)

Deadline for abstracts will be **4 March 2025**, but once the abstract is received and reviewed an early decision will be made before then to allow the candidate to arrange travel. Parallel sessions will be in person only.

## **REGISTER NOW**

**Non - IAFP Members: 450 UKP**

**IAFP Members: 365 UKP**

**Students and Trainees: 225 UKP**

**The conference dinner will be held on the evening of Friday 23 May. Booking details for that will be sent to all registered delegates in due course.**

**To register for the conference or for further details please visit:**

[Conference booking](#)

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