



IAFP

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**28 May – 30 May 2026
Hotel Ta' Cenc - Gozo, Malta**

BELONGING AND OTHERING: THE STRANGER AS THE PROJECTIVE CANVAS



9.00 - 9.15	Welcome and Opening Remarks	
9.15 - 10.15	PLENARY 1	Historical Perspectives of Othering in Maltese Care* <i>Dr Peter Muscat</i>
10.15 – 10.35	Coffee Break	
10.35 – 12.05	PARALLEL GROUP 1	
	Parallel A	Vern and the (re)Discovery of Psychoanalytic Narration Mag. Christian Eigner Clinician Diagnostic Ratings and Countertransference Reactions Towards Grandiose and Vulnerable Narcissism Ava Green
	Parallel B	Exploring the Individual Experience of Prisoners who have Returned to a Therapeutic Community (TC) Following Prior Non-completion: An IPA analysis Abi Price 'No one will want to be my friend because I am a murderer': An exploration into the experience of change in women convicted of murder and who have participated in the DTC intervention at HM Prison Send Sophie Crilly
12.05 - 1.20	Lunch	
1.20 - 2.50	PARALLEL GROUP 2	
	Parallel A	The Othering of a Child – A Case of Factitious and Induced Illness Dr Cleo Van Velsen Between the Charybdis and Scylla: Facing the five-headed monster and the whirlpool when working therapeutically with female-to-female child sexual perpetrators Dr Lea Getu
	Parallel B	The Sacred Space of Belonging Susan Parke MD Treating Addiction is Not for the Weak: Patient and provider wellness Assistant Professor Catherine Burke
2.50 - 3.10	Coffee Break	
3.10 - 5.10	PLENARY 2 FILM + DISCUSSION*	Holloway, a film presented by Aliyah Ali, in which six women return to the now abandoned Holloway Prison to take part in a women's circle. Sharing some of the most intimate experiences of their lives, they each unravel what led them to prison, creating an eye-opening portrait of failing systems and trauma, alongside their remarkable capacity for recovery. Following the film Aliyah Ali will be in conversation with Anne Aiyegbusi and Anna Motz
5.10 - 5.30	Room Transition	
5.30 – 6.30	Large Group - facilitated by Dr Chris Scanlon and Patrick Mandikate	
7.30	Welcome Reception – Palazzo Palina (authentic 17th Century Palace), Hotel Ta'Cenc	

9.30 - 11.00	PLENARY 3 SPECIAL	On the Possibilities of Ambivalence* <i>Andy West</i>
11.00 - 11.20	Coffee Break	
11.20 - 12.30	PLENARY 4	The Mafia: Psychotherapeutic research and intervention* <i>Professor Girolamo Lo Verso and Professor Massimo Di Mari</i>
12.30 - 1.45	Lunch	
1.45 - 3.15	PARALLEL GROUP 3	
	Parallel A	Theorising in Colour: Third space, the "Good Immigrant," and the racialised stranger <i>Dr Charmaine Dambuza-Levingston</i> Fascism in the Clinic <i>Aneesa Peer</i>
	Parallel B	From Othering to Understanding: MBT in the Irish Prison Service <i>Dr Ken Murphy</i> Difference as Defence: Scapegoating and identity-based exclusion in a developing prison democratic therapeutic community <i>Rea Osborne and Lucy Merrick</i>
	Parallel C	Forced Migration: The eruption of unconscious Issues not worked out in one generation on future generations <i>Leslie Lothstein</i> Group Analysis as Resistance Against the Primacies Set Up in Neoliberal Necropolitics <i>Timothy Paris</i>
3.15 - 3.35	Coffee Break	
3.35 - 5.05	PARALLEL GROUP 4	
	Parallel A	Unbearable Shame, Humiliation and the Dynamics of Subjugation and Othering <i>Dr Hessel Willemsen</i> The Hospitality of the House? Internment, asylum and the agora in forensic mental health services <i>John Adlam</i>
	Parallel B	A Testimony of Hope: Recounting a lived experience of belonging and othering <i>Hannah McNamara</i> Transitional Objects: Art psychotherapy as an exploration of oppression, objectification and projection with trans-women in a female prison in the UK <i>Jessica Collier and Ruby Elson-Murphy</i>
	Parallel C	Illuminating Otherness: Using psychodramatic theory and technique to explore our own roles <i>Dr Jack Blake</i>
5.05 - 5.30	Room Transition	
5.30 - 6.30	Large Group - facilitated by Dr Chris Scanlon and Patrick Mandikate	
8.00	Gala Dinner, Il-Kantra Restaurant (walk or mini train)	

9.30 - 10.30	PLENARY 5	Othering, Scapegoating and Forensic Psychotherapy* <i>Anna Motz</i>
10.30 - 10.50	Coffee Break	
10.50 - 12.20	PARALLEL GROUP 5	
	Parallel A	The Long Road to Coventry: Understanding staff scapegoating in NHS forensic settings Panos Vythoulkas Illusion, Delusion and Disillusionment of Forensic Psychotherapy Henry Adeane
	Parallel B	The Art of Survival: Psychosis as a creative response to oppressive systems Naomi Rule Pinch, Punch, Squeeze, Slap or Tickle; Belonging and othering with intimate strangers Jim O'Malley
12.20 - 1.35	Lunch and IAFP Annual General Meeting	
1.35 – 2.35	PLENARY 6	From Violence and Shame to Respect and Compassion: Working with antisocial personality disorder* <i>Dr Jessica Yakeley</i>
2.35 – 3.35	PLENARY 7	Otherness, Belonging, and the Forensics of White Nationalism: From Trump's Parable of the Snake to the Great Replacement Conspiracy Theory* <i>Dr Alex Laban Hinton</i>
3.35 – 4.00	Coffee Break	
4.00 - 5.00	Large Group - facilitated by Dr Chris Scanlon and Patrick Mandikate	
5.00 – 5.15	Closing Reflections, Gill McGauley Prize, Next Year's Conference Location	