



International Dialogue Initiative – Training Workshop
**Large Group Identity and Societal Conflict:
Bringing a Psychological Understanding to Conflict Resolution**

This Workshop will be conducted online

Workshop Background

The International Dialogue Initiative was founded in 2007 as an interdisciplinary forum dedicated to the psychological understanding of societal and political conflict. It brings together its network of professionals to examine current international issues, develop concepts and discuss interventions in various troubled areas of the world. Among member interventions is an inter-group process of dialogue aiming to illuminate how historical events have led to disturbed relationships between large groups of people and how that traumatic history can become an obstacle to negotiation, at least until it is acknowledged and understood at a personal level.

Details

DATE

December 4-5, 2020
2:00-6:00pm, UK time

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Workshop Task

This Workshop will provide opportunities to apply the learning about large group identity, derived from Professor Vamik Volkan's and other IDI interventions, to members' conflict resolution cases, and to develop a consultative stance through which to facilitate and deepen that work.

Workshop Participants

This Workshop should be useful to those working in the field of international dialogue (such as UN agencies), to diplomats, including those in training, to government and NGO professionals, and to mental health professionals who wish to expand the application of their skills. Participants will receive a Certificate of Attendance issued by the International Dialogue Initiative.

Workshop Outline:

- a. Lectures on Large Group Identity and the Tree Model of Intervention
- b. Large Group Identity in One's Own Life
- c. Case Discussion and Application



What Participants Tell Us:

“Excellent conceptual tools....grounded in practical experience (with) relevant examples and case-studies from the field.”

“An eye opener, this crossover between the spheres of psychology and international relations; to have it laid out as it was, was exciting and stimulating.”

“Invaluable input for both my future work and private life.”

“Incredibly valuable from a theoretical and practical perspective. Dr. Volkan’s knowledge, experience, teaching style and passion for the subject made an indelible impact on me....A highlight of my professional career.”

Faculty will be drawn from:



[Yamik Volkan, M.D.](#)
Founder, President Emeritus of the International Dialogue Initiative; Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry, University of Virginia; Emeritus Training and Supervising Psychoanalyst Washington Psychoanalytic Institute; over 40 books and many international intervention projects.



[Gerard Fromm, Ph.D.](#)
President of the IDI; Distinguished Faculty, Erikson Institute, Austen Riggs Center; past president, International Society for the Psychoanalytic Study of Organizations.



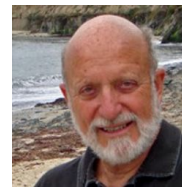
[Ford Rowan, J.D.](#)
Chair, National Center for Critical Incident Analysis; Professorial Lecturer in Organizational Sciences, George Washington University; former National Security Correspondent, NBC News.



[Regine Scholz, Dr. phil.](#)
Training Director of the IDI. From 2010-2017 Board member of the Group Analytic Society International. Founding Member of the German Society for Group Analysis and Group Psychotherapy (D3G). Co-organizer of the conferences "Voices after Auschwitz".



[Donna M. Elmendorf, Ph.D.](#)
Clinical psychologist and the Director of the Therapeutic Community Program at Austen Riggs Center in Stockbridge, MA. Supervisor of individual treatment and groups in the psychoanalytic training program of the Erikson Institute at Riggs and chairs the Institute’s Consultation Service.



[Edward R. Shapiro, M.A., M.D., DFAPA, FACPsa](#)
Former Medical Director/CEO of the Austen Riggs Center in Stockbridge, MA. A board certified psychiatrist, psychoanalyst, family researcher, and organizational consultant, he is also Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at Yale University School of Medicine.

More information about the faculty and the IDI can be found at

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