

Call for abstracts to present at the
29th Congress of IAIP hosted by DGIP August 22-25, 2024,
in Cologne, Germany.
"The Self, the Other, and the World. Closing the Gap".

This theme has been chosen by the IAIP-Board and the AGJ of the DGIP (Working Group Annual Meetings)
in a joint effort.

Where better than at a large international congress of Adlerians from all over the world, we can discuss the various aspects of the relationships between self, the other, and the world. We are faced with the challenge of understanding these complex relationships in the contemporary world, exploring differences and similarities in our understanding, and finding ways to close the gap in many ways and on many levels. Individual Psychology gives us the ideal basis for this discourse: after all, the indivisible unity of the human being includes both the individual striving for the self and the relatedness, solidarity, and connectedness with others and the world in the spirit of „Gemeinschaftsgefühl“.

For the Congress lectures, working groups, presentations, and forums, we are interested in scientific, treatment-relevant, and educational aspects of the theme:

- What do Adler's Individual Psychology and its contemporary applications teach us about intrapsychic processes, both healthy and unhealthy? Is there a specific single Adlerian concept of the *self*, or are there various, different concepts? How is that significant in the IP practice?
- How can we define *Other*? Is it possible that, in theory, there is a world of differences in our understanding of the *other*, while in daily therapeutic or counseling practice, we can find fundamental similarities? How could this be explained? How is that important?
- The „Zeitgeist“ of each time period seems to shape and change both *inner* and *outer* life. Are there nonetheless imperishable, eternal principles of a moral, ethical, or political nature that rule our actions regardless of the time period or a particular culture? If they are, how is that useful?
- Research, psychotherapy, and counseling are conducted under different frameworks. What impact does the chosen framework have on our inner life? What price do we have to pay as participants in the process? Is there anything to gain in return? Is that price tag different depending on gender or age, race, or religion?

These are some suggestions, and the theme may open up many more venues for exploration and good discussions in the form of scientific papers, case reports, workshops, and panels.

In your proposals, please include your name(s), your degrees/certifications/licenses, your email address, your Adlerian organizational affiliation, a title for your proposed contribution, a proposed format (such as a workshop, case report, panel, or paper), and a 150-200 words abstract. If you propose to present with colleagues, please indicate who is the lead presenter.

We are waiting for your abstracts and would like to ask you to send them to 2024.iaip@gmail.com by September 30, 2023.