



# 80 Years Later, Will History Repeat Itself?

The Fallout of The Holocaust Over Those Affected

**Looking Back, Moving Forward** 

Forest Park Hotel, Cyprus September 11-16, 2019

An Experiential Working Conference in the Series "The Past in the Present"

## **Director's Words**

Dear Prospective Participant,

If you recognize in yourself that you are carrying the residues of past atrocities, either as one who participated in or as the carrier of the trans-generational transmission of such traumas, and if you share the assumption that this burden is influencing present events on personal, national and international levels, you may wish to benefit from participating in PCCA's next conference:

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This experiential conference provides an opportunity to look back and recognize the influence of the Holocaust and other past atrocities, so as to allow us to move on and get out from under their pervasive influence, and doing so in the presence of the Other.

If we do not recognize what haunts and influences us as individuals and members of our societies, we are doomed to repeat our history.

If this resonates with you, you are welcome to join us in this unique opportunity of shared work.

I hope to see you,

**Conference Director** 

## Why attend?

"The past is never dead. It's not even past."

William Faulkner

# This is a conference that aims to uncover the impact of past traumas on the present with a view toward moving on.

**Eighty years** after the onset of WWII, the fallout of the Holocaust is still potently afflicting individuals and nations, determining anxieties, modes of coping, national and international dynamics, personal and interpersonal relationships.

As the second, third, and now even fourth generation of perpetrators and victims, we are the objects of the trans-generational transmission of the collective and personal traumas of WWII and the Holocaust, of totalitarian and communist dictatorships and their radioactive fallout.

Jews and Israelis carry the burden of the Holocaust, Germans are burdened by the Nazi inheritance, the inhabitants of the "Bloodlands", such as Poland, the Baltic states, Ukraine, Russia and others, carry the impact of communism and oppressive cruel regimes.

**Twenty-five years** ago we launched the first Nazareth Conference: "*Germans and Israelis, the Past in the Present*." The relative optimism that prevailed at that time has given room to a world in flux: we are witnessing the disturbing resurgence of neo-Nazism, anti-Semitism, xenophobia, racial intolerance, Fascism and authoritarianism, of a return to tribalism and a "me-first" mentality. As a result, we are embroiled in seemingly unstoppable cycles of inter-group strife, hatred and violence.

Are we doomed to repeat these destructive patterns endlessly, or is it possible to engage with the legacy of the past in a way that may lead to a better and more hopeful future?

This experiential conference, the **twelfth** in this series, offers a unique space for exploring this question in relation to our world today through the combined lens of psychoanalytic understanding and the Group Relations approach.

This conference aims to explore the impact of past traumas on the present. It is relevant to anyone afflicted by these past events who recognizes the importance of getting out from under their radioactive influence and of doing it in the presence of the Other.

Major atrocities and other forms of historical trauma can produce profound and deeply lodged effects, such as suspicion, hostility, enmity and violence between victims and perpetrators. In turn, these ill feelings are transmitted and may infiltrate the lives of their descendants. They permeate the relationship between the groups involved, laying the foundation for perpetual hostility and repeated conflict. The burden of both victimhood and perpetration, and no less of being a bystander, exercise their destructive influences outside our awareness, and we may find ourselves puzzled, confused and upset by the impact they have on our lives.

This conference is intended for all who suffer from the impact of such enmities, are troubled by them and want to explore and work on their own experience towards understanding – rather

than surrendering to – the sinister forces involved. The hope is that this may open the way to moving forward.

Away from the pressures of everyday life, the conference provides a safe setting for such forces to emerge and opportunities to explore and try to understand them. It is also an opportunity to discover whether genuine movement in the real lived relationships between members of such groups may be possible.

## Who is the Conference for?

We invite all people who recognize the painful residues of war, of current as well as historical trauma and are puzzled by their impact on them and their society. No previous experience with this kind of conference is necessary except for the wish to learn from one's experience of membership in the presence of others and to participate in the events that the conference offers.

#### **PCCA Conferences**

## **Background of PCCA Conferences**

This 12<sup>th</sup> conference continues the exploration of the residual effects and aftermath of horrendous atrocities on the national groups that perpetrated them or were their victims. This series, referred to sometimes as the "Nazareth Conferences", focused initially on the shadow cast by the Holocaust on Germans and Israelis. It began with the need felt by a group of Israeli and German psychoanalysts to work on the deeply-lodged suspicion, hostility and unbearable guilt which marked the relationship between Germans and Israelis/Jews as a legacy of the Holocaust. The Group Relations approach was chosen as the best suited working method and adapted to this end. Participants who worked on this interface and its effect on their personal and professional life found this work hugely beneficial, and many returned for a further opportunity to deepen their engagement with the process (Erlich, Erlich-Ginor, Beland, 2009, Fed With Tears, Poisoned with Milk).

### Aim of the Conference

The aim of the conference is to provide a setting, away from the pressures of daily life, in which participants can experience, reflect, explore and begin to work with the fallout of past historical traumas as they influence unconscious and not-quite conscious

relationships, in the mind and in actuality, between the individuals and groups present at the conference.

Living and working together for six days provides opportunities to examine past and present psychic and social processes from different angles, to become aware of attitudes, feelings, reactions and fantasies, to reconsider one's identity as a member of a group carrying the trans-generational inheritance, to express and explore existing ideas as well as new ones, to apply and test all these within the conference, and subsequently to take them home for future application in personal, professional and other roles.

## The Primary Task

The primary task for which this conference is designed is for participants to explore feelings, fantasies and conflicts about personal and cultural identities related to the past, their impact on relationships within and between individuals and groups in the conference and toward the conference as a whole, and how they affect perceptions of the past, present and future.

## Method

PCCA conferences are experiential events, built on Group Relations methodology. Inner thoughts, feelings and fantasies about oneself as a participant and as a member of one (or more) of the groups within the conference are the raw materials that serve the work of the conference. The conference provides a setting in which these can be experienced, explored and worked with in oneself, within groups, between groups, and within the conference as a whole. Much of this work is carried out in the here and now.

Application of Conference experience to members' personal, professional, political and social context is an important aspect of the "moving on".

## Language

The working language of the conference is English; however, in groups or situations where everyone speaks the same language, that language can serve as the working language.

## The Staff

The staff have an active involvement in the process. They are not merely observers of the process. The key part of the role of the staff is to help participants to reflect about what is going on, to learn from it and to apply it to their personal, professional and social context.

## The Program

The Conference starts on Wednesday 11th September 2019 at 13:00 (following 12.00 pm registration and lunch) and ends on Monday 16th September at 13:30 (followed by lunch).

The Primary Task of the conference is pursued through several different group events: Plenaries, Large Study groups, Small Study Groups, a Social Dreaming Matrix, Review and Application Groups, and a Conference Event.

Additional events or modifications of the above events may take place, depending on the conference composition and dynamics.

A detailed description and timetable of the events will be sent to participants before the conference.

### **Conference Staff**

## Management

#### Conference Director



Mira Erlich-Ginor | MA | Training and Supervising Analyst, Israel Psychoanalytic Society | Founding Member and past-Chairperson, OFEK | Initiated and participated in the "Nazareth Project", working with trans-generational transmission of trauma in Israelis and Germans | Founding Member and Secretary, PCCA | Co-author of "Fed with Tears, Poisoned with Milk". | European Representative, IPA Board | Israel.

#### Conference Associate Director



Olya Khaleelee | MA | Organizational Consultant and Corporate Psychologist, Pintab Associates | Professional Partner, Tavistock Institute of Human Relations | Chair of Board, OPUS: Organization for Promoting Understanding of Society | PCCA Advisory Board | UK.

## Conference Administrator



**Christoph Freytag** | Economist, Banker, Development Finance Specialist | Lives and works in Frankfurt am Main, Germany. More than twenty years experience in building and managing financial institutions in Eastern Europe, South-Eastern Europe and Germany. Currently Managing Director of an impact investment management company. | He is Treasurer and Management Board Member of PCCA | Germany.

#### Consultants\*



**Moshe Bergstein** | PhD | Psychotherapist and Psychoanalyst | Israel Psychoanalytic Society | Teaches in various post-graduate psychotherapy programs and in the Israel Psychoanalytic Institute | Member of OFEK | Israel.



Louisa Diana Brunner | PhD, M.Sc. | Leadership and Management Consultant, Executive Coach, Family Business Advisor and Researcher | Selection Bocconi School of Management | Graduates' Career Coaching Bocconi University | Member OFEK, OPUS, ISPSO | Founding Member, PCCA | Honorary Member, Il Nodo Group | Fellow FFI (Family Firm Institute) | Italy.



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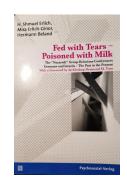


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\*Will be drawn from this list

### **About PCCA**







Partners in Confronting Collective Atrocities (PCCA) was founded in 2007 to carry on with the work that started with the Israeli- German the Past in the Present Conference, the so called "Nazareth" series, see: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nazareth-Conferences. PCCA is a charity registered in Germany, Tax no. 27/675/54264

PCCA works towards developing strategies to engage with the legacy of past atrocities that can contribute to opening up the possibility of a more hopeful future. The aim of the organization is to work through the effects of the Holocaust and of past and present national and international conflicts that lead to destructive escalation, in the service of a better understanding among national groups worldwide(see http://p-cca.org/).

## **Sponsoring Organizations:**

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## Useful information

#### Venue

#### Forest Park Hotel,

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The hotel is located in a pine forest on the slopes of the Trodos Mountains.

#### How to get there

The most convenient airport is Larnaca (103km). The hotel can also be reached from the airport at Paphos (63km) and at Ercan (65km). From the Airport you can take a taxi.

Shared transportation can be arranged.

#### **Internet Connection**

Free WIFI is available in most areas of the hotel.

#### Electricity

The electric plugs are European. If you are used to the USA or British System you will need a travel adapter.

#### **Facilities**

The hotel offers two swimming pools (outside and inside), sauna, fitness center, library, billiard and a tennis court. You can rent a bike or car. Laundry and ironing service are available. Pets are not allowed.

#### Weather

In September the average temperature is 24° Celsius.

#### **Special Requests**

Members who have special needs and/or dietary requests, please contact and inform the pre-conference administrator, Brigitte Reusch: geber-reusch@t-online.d



## Registration

#### Registration Where? When? How much?

Where? | The conference will take place at the Forest Park Hotel, Platres, Cyprus

When? | The conference will begin on Wednesday September 11, at 13:00 pm (registration and lunch at 12:00) and will end on Monday, September 16, 2019 at 13:30 (followed by lunch).

#### How much?

Fees: Includes conference fee and full board.

Registration Date	Single Occupancy	*Double Occupancy
Early Bird I until 25.5.19	€1.400	€ 1.300
<b>Early Bird II</b> 26.5.19- 25.6.19	€1.600	€1.500
<b>Regular</b> 26.6.19- 1.9.19	€1.700	€1.600
East European/ Students	€700	€600

<sup>\*</sup>Price is for person sharing a room

#### Method of registration and payment of fees

The fee must be paid in full upon receipt of invoice/confirmation to Geber+Reusch, Commerzbank Mannheim (Germany),

Credit Card payment is possible with an extra bank fee of 3% on the overall amount.

#### **Cancellation Policy:**

- There is a €75 nonrefundable registration fee
- Cancellation between May 25th and July 20th 2019 50% refund
- There will be no refund for cancellation after July 20th 2019

**Bursaries**: A number of partial bursaries will be available on a 'first come, first served basis'. Those interested should send in their application not later than May 20<sup>th</sup> 2019 with their background information and supporting reasons to: Geber+Reusch – address see above.

The last day of registration is Sunday, September 1, 2019 For further information see pcca2019.org

#### **Registration Form**

Please send to:

Geber+Reusch, Habichtsweg 11, D-60437 Frankfurt, Germany Tel. +49 (0) 69 505239, Fax. +49 (0) 69 9050 88 84 Geber-reusch@t-online.de Last Name First Name\_\_\_\_\_ Title Gender\_\_\_\_\_ Year of Birth/Age\_\_\_\_\_ Nationality/ies\_\_\_\_\_ Home Address: Street\_\_\_\_\_ City+Zip/Postcode\_\_\_\_\_ Country\_\_\_\_ Telephone\_\_\_\_\_ Email\_\_\_\_\_ Profession Professional Affiliations/Membership of Professional Bodies Name of employing organization How or where did you hear about this conference? **Choose your registration category:** □ Early Bird €1.400 □ Early Bird €1.300, sharing a room with □ Regular fee €1.700 □ Double occupancy fee of €1.600 pp, sharing a room with \_\_\_\_\_ For East European participants and students: □ I am registering for the full tuition fee of €700. □ I am registering for the double occupancy fee of €600 pp, sharing a room □ I accept the conditions mentioned above Signature\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_