

## The Third International Trauma Research Net Conference

# Trauma – Stigma and Distinction: Social Ambivalences in the Face of Extreme Suffering

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**Hotel Laudinella in St. Moritz-Bad** (Switzerland)  
**14-17 September, 2006**

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### Conference Objective

The *International Network for Interdisciplinary Research about the Impact of Traumatic Experience on the Life of Individuals and Society (Trauma Research Net)* announces its Third International Conference entitled: "Trauma - Stigma and Distinction: Social Ambivalences in the Face of Extreme Suffering," which will take place from 14–17 September 2006 in St. Moritz (Switzerland). Since 1995, the *Hamburg Institute for Social Research* has provided the basis for an informal network on trauma research that now reaches more than one thousand institutions and individuals. The goal and purpose of the *Trauma Research Net* is to foster interdisciplinary discourse among those working in trauma research by linking the institutions and individuals working practically or theoretically in relevant fields. Two previous conferences, organized by the *Trauma Research Net* in 1998 and 2002, have provided important venues for formulating or re-examining assumptions and questions that play a central role in this highly diverse area of research.

At this conference we are especially interested in research that combines various levels of discourse on trauma, in order to juxtapose or intertwine practical and theoretical points of view and develop dialog between and across disciplines. Hence our program is addressed both to professionals working with trauma victims on a practical, therapeutic level and to those researching, writing, and teaching about trauma on a more theoretical level.

The conference "Trauma - Stigma and Distinction: Social Ambivalences in the Face of Extreme Suffering" aims to elucidate how the dominant role of the trauma concept affects our thinking about violence and its aftermath. The aim of the conference is to scrutinize social aspects of trauma discourse and of the practice of trauma therapy—their ideology, politics, economy. We seek to examine what social aspects are emphasized

when we speak of trauma—both individual and collective—and what aspects fade into the background. Thus, we are focusing on the following topics:

- Social Recognition and Denial of Trauma
  - Hierarchies Between and Within Victim Groups
  - Practical Work with Victim Groups and the Influence of Prejudice and Idealization
  - Hostility and Reconciliation in Conflict Resolution after Extreme Suffering
  - Validation and Subversion in Professional Discourses on Trauma
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- **Social Recognition and Denial of Trauma:** Holocaust studies have been and continue to be relevant, indeed essential to contemporary trauma studies. Obviously Holocaust research also deals with completely different issues but clarifying its relationship to investigations into trauma seems to be a fruitful perspective. The following questions appear useful for both Holocaust and trauma studies. What meaning do various social contexts attribute to victimhood? What suffering and which victims get social recognition and are highlighted as paradigmatic in certain social and professional discourses, and what suffering is ignored or denied? Which trauma victims experience their traumatization as a stigmatization, while others may regard themselves—and be regarded by their peers—as having gained some form of distinction (as heroes or survivors) by their suffering. What is the role of social factors such as culture, tradition, religion, gender, class and ethnicity in turning social affects against victims in some circumstances, while leading to the social validation of victimhood in others? What do all these issues have to do with specific political contexts?
  - **Hierarchies Within and Between Victim Groups:** Which social environments foster or inhibit tendencies toward group formation of trauma victims? What motivates some trauma victims to organize themselves with others who have suffered similar traumatization, and what factors impact on their inclusion in or exclusion from groups whose membership they seek? Alternatively, what pushes trauma victims to distinguish themselves from others who have been traumatized, and under what conditions may trauma victims get involved in a competition of suffering? How can victims obtain not only recognition but justice after being severely wronged? How can civil society deal with lasting injustice against trauma victims?
  - **Practical Work with Victim Groups and the Influence of Prejudice and Idealization:** How can psychotherapeutic approaches deal adequately with the social and political aspects of trauma? What therapeutic approaches appeal to

which types of patients by legitimizing and furthering articulations of their traumatic experiences and suffering, while marginalizing, tabooing, or silencing others? To what degree do therapeutic approaches reflect the social prejudices or idealizations of practitioners when faced with traumatized patients, as well as their suspicions of or identifications with large-scale social institutions and values? How are conflicts played out, for example, between different professionals who assess the psychological status of individuals applying for political asylum?

- **Hostility and Reconciliation in Conflict Resolution after Extreme Suffering:** Should we overcome the dichotomy between victim and perpetrator, and how can this be done? Can victims be prematurely forced down the road of reconciliation or even forgiveness? Under what circumstances do political activists and therapists advocate processes of reconciliation of victims and perpetrators? How do conceptualizations of trauma and trauma work relate to processes of peace building and conflict transformation? Are they in any way helpful, or might they also hinder the process of change? Is trauma a relevant issue for conflict transformation and peace building? Can the perspectives of those enhancing peace and those healing trauma be analyzed as conflicting interests? In which cases do therapeutic and other approaches to trauma resolution condone and further expressions of hostility against victims or perpetrators, supporting the stigmatization of both as social outcasts in different ways?
- **Validation and Subversion in Professional Discourses on Trauma:** How do professional discourses on trauma deal with the issue of truth? In what way and in which cases do they validate the perspectives of trauma victims as containing a higher or special form of truth? Under what conditions do such discourses undermine the credibility of victims? How can we grapple with the tendency of the medical sciences, especially the neurosciences, to objectify mental states to an increasing extent when dealing with trauma? How do practitioners (psychiatrists, psychologists, psychoanalysts, social workers, NGO activists, and organizers of support groups) establish professional hierarchies among themselves, and how do they define and delineate their diverse professional jurisdictions? In what way do historical, sociological, political, ethical, legal, biological, or literary perspectives reinforce or undermine the authority of practitioners? How do simplified conflict theories relate to approaches from the field of resilience research? To what extent might conceptualizing trauma itself be a reaction, indeed, a kind of defense mechanism to avert dealing with the narratives of extreme suffering? And if so, what are the consequences for discourse on trauma?

**We have organized the conference in five plenary sessions, an open space forum and four workshop sessions (the latter lasting from 90 to 150 minutes). During the workshop sessions, five groups, each focusing on one of the themes outlined above, will be convened to discuss contributions presented by a total of more than forty speakers. Please note that in this tentative program, speakers in each workshop session appear in alphabetical order; the actual order of presentation will be decided by the chair before the conference.**

When registering for the conference, participants are asked to select **one** of the five thematic groups to attend for all of the four workshop sessions, in order to ensure continuity in the group discussions.

**The conference will close with a plenary session in which three or four commentators will review the outcome of the conference—what succeeded, what was left out or remained unfinished—and will make suggestions on how we should proceed in the future.**

Please note that the tentative agenda is subject to change.

**Cornelia Berens**

on behalf of the conference steering committee: Dr. David Becker (Berlin), Cornelia Berens, M.A. (Hamburg), Prof. Dr. José Brunner (Tel Aviv), André Karger (Düsseldorf), Dipl. Psych. Angela Kühner (München), and Prof. Dr. Jan Philipp Reemtsma (Hamburg)

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## Conference Schedule

*Thursday, 14 September 2006*

**15:00 – 16:30**      **Arrival and Registration**

**17:00 – 17:45**      **Welcome Reception**

**18:00 – 20:15**      **Opening Plenary Session**  
**Trauma – Stigma and Distinction**

Cornelia Berens (Hamburg), Opening Remarks

Lynne Jones (Cambridge), Trauma: Grief and Memory

Angela Kühner (München), Whose Ambivalence? Hopes and Dilemmas in Critical Trauma Discourse

Plenary discussion  
Chair: Cornelia Berens

**20:30 Dinner**

**Evening free for informal gatherings**

*Friday, 15 September 2006*

**08:00 Breakfast**

**09:00 – 10:30**      **Plenary Session II**  
**The Vicissitudes of Reconciliation**

Dan Bar-On (Beer-Sheva), The Disarmament of History: From Dialogue between Jews and Germans in Relation to the Holocaust to Dialogue between Palestinians and Israelis - A Critical View on the Concept of Reconciliation

Gráinne Kelly & Brandon Hamber (Belfast), Too Deep, Too Threatening: Understanding of Reconciliation in Northern Ireland and Societies in Transition

Plenary discussion  
Chair: André Karger (Düsseldorf)

**10:30 Coffee Break**

## **11:00 – 13:00      Workshop Session I**

### **Group 1 - Social Recognition and Denial of Trauma**

Chair: Usche Merk (Pietermaritzburg, South Africa)

#### **SPEAKERS**

Elise Bittenbinder (Berlin, Germany), In the Face of Extreme Suffering

Hannes Fricke (Stuttgart, Germany), "Who Is Afraid of Whom?" Victim – Perpetrator - Victimperpetrator: The Force of Interpreting Who Is Right or Wrong in Three of Henning Mankell's Novels and Their Film Versions

### **Group 2 - Hierarchies Within and Between Victim Groups**

Chair: Sibylle Rothkegel (Berlin, Germany)

#### **SPEAKERS**

Yves Alexandre Chouala (Yaoundé, Cameroon), Post-Apartheid South Africa and Post-Genocide Rwanda: Comparing the Socio-Political Life of Two Traumatic Memories

Dayton Henderson (Berkeley, CA, USA), A German Antigone Complex? Reacting to an Ambivalence of Melancholy in Lang's *Der Müde Tod* and Hasenclever's *Antigone*

### **Group 3 - Practical Work with Victim Groups and the Influence of Prejudice and Idealization**

Chair: Birgit Möller (Hamburg, Germany) & Ilka Lennertz (Dresden, Germany)

#### **SPEAKERS**

Vladan Beara (Novi Sad, Serbia), Social Gap between War-Experienced Veterans and War-Inexperienced Others

Catherine Grandsard, & Tobie Nathan (Paris, France), PTSD and Fright Disorders: Rethinking Trauma from an Ethnopsychiatric Perspective

### **Group 4 - Hostility and Reconciliation in Conflict Resolution after Extreme Suffering**

Chair: José Brunner (Tel Aviv)

#### **SPEAKERS**

Cyril Kenneth Adonis (East London, South Africa), Transgenerational Transmission of Trauma and Its Implications for Sustained Political Forgiveness in Post-apartheid South Africa

Alice Bardan (Los Angeles, CA, USA), Remembering the Communist Past: The Dynamic between Official Memory and Popular Memory

### **Group 5 - Validation and Subversion in Professional Discourses on Trauma**

Chair: André Karger (Düsseldorf) & Angela Kühner (München)

#### **SPEAKERS**

Esther Grossmann (München, Germany; London, UK), Exploring the Location of Experience of Child Refugees - Are There Alternatives to 'Trauma'?

Susanne Luhmann (Sudbury, ON, Canada), Perpetrating Trauma?

## **13:15 Lunch**

### **15:00 – 16:30 Plenary Session III**

#### **Trauma: Discourse and Politics**

José Brunner (Tel Aviv), Psychic Vulnerability, Civil Society and the Politics of Recognition

David Becker (Berlin), Trauma: Imperial Discourse and the Reality of Suffering

Chair: Angela Kühner (München)

## **16:30 Coffee Break**

### **17:00 – 18:30 Workshop Session II**

#### **Group 1 - Social Recognition and Denial of Trauma**

Chair: Usche Merk

Renate Haas (Berlin, Germany), Violence - Trauma – Cultural Theory: On Disregarding Real Experience in Migration Research and Immigration Concepts

Ulrike Loch (Kassel, Germany), Intergenerational Relations in the Context of Violence and Trauma

#### **Group 2 - Hierarchies Within and Between Victim Groups**

Chair: Sibylle Rothkegel

Sandra Konrad (Hamburg, Germany), Disrupted Jewish Identity – Jewish Women of Three Generations and the Meaning of the Place of Living in Relation to the Long-term Individual and Transgenerational Effects of Trauma and Recuperation

Raya Morag (Jerusalem, Israel), Post-trauma in Current Israeli Cinema

#### **Group 3 - Practical Work with Victim Groups and the Influence of Prejudice and Idealization**

Chair: Birgit Möller & Ilka Lennertz

Martina Kopf (Wien, Austria), Creative Writing in the Aftermath of the Genocide in Rwanda: The project "Rwanda – Ecrire par devoir de mémoire"

Manasi Kumar (Delhi, India; London, UK), A Journey into the Bleeding City: Following the Footprints of the Rubble of Riot and Violence of Earthquake in Gujarat, India

#### **Group 4 - Hostility and Reconciliation in Conflict Resolution after Extreme Suffering**

Chair: José Brunner

Yves Alexandre Chouala (Yaoundé, Cameroon), Post-Apartheid South Africa and Post-Genocide Rwanda: Comparing the Socio-Political Life of Two Traumatic Memories

Karola Dillenburger, Montse Fargas, & Rym Akhonzada (Belfast, Northern Ireland), Long-term Effects of Trauma in Northern Ireland: Personal Accounts on Coping with Violence over a Twenty-year Period

#### **Group 5 - Validation and Subversion in Professional Discourses on Trauma**

Chair: André Karger & Angela Kühner

Galia Plotkin Amrami (Tel Aviv, Israel), Therapy, Morality, and Nationhood: The Construction of a Traumatized Self in the Disengagement Process in Israel

Isobel Reilly & Stephen Coulter (Belfast, Northern Ireland), The Impact of the Social and Professional Politicisation of Trauma on the Organisation and Delivery of Therapeutic Processes in Northern Ireland: 'Parallel Processes' in a State of Dubious Legitimacy?

## **19:00 Dinner**

## **20:15 – 22:30      Showing of Film Documentary**

### **Childhood and Violence – Can the Wounds of a Shattered Life be Healed?**

2000-2006, Film Documentary, Beta-SP, 120 min, 16:9

(German-English version with German and English subtitles)

Produced and directed by Gerhard König and Carmen Feuchtner

(see [pdf-file](#))

## ***Saturday, 16 September 2006***

## **08:00 Breakfast**

## **09:00 – 11:30 Workshop Session III**

### **Group 1 - Social Recognition and Denial of Trauma**

Chair: Usche Merk

Predrag Miljanović (Novi Sad, Serbia), Concept of the Upright Man: Condition for Entering the War but an Obstacle for Reconciliation

Stephanie Neuner (München, Germany), The Effects of Public Policy on the Psychically War-disabled: State Insurance and Welfare Policy for "War Neurotics" of World War I, c. 1920-1939

Ralf Syring (Frankfurt am Main, Germany; Angola and Mozambique), When the Dichotomy Victim-Perpetrator Does Not Appropriately Describe Reality: Observations of Processes concerning Former Child Soldiers and Youths Confronted with High HIV Prevalence in Southern Africa.

### **Group 2 - Hierarchies Within and Between Victim Groups**

Chair: Sibylle Rothkegel

Sibylle Rothkegel (Berlin, Germany), "Get Over Here, Victim, Let Us Beat You Up!"

Deborah Staines (Sydney, Australia), Sonderkommando Testimonies: Evaluating the Traumatizing Subject and Recognition of Their Trauma

Jolande Withuis (Amsterdam, The Netherlands), From 'Totalitarianism' to 'Trauma', from Victims Divided to Victims United: The Case of the Netherlands

### **Group 3 - Practical Work with Victim Groups and the Influence of Prejudice and Idealization**

Chair: Birgit Möller & Ilka Lennertz



Ilka Lennertz (Dresden, Germany), & Birgit Möller (Hamburg, Germany; San Francisco, CA, USA), The Discourse of Trauma and Its Effects on Refugees and Professionals: Examples from Working with Refugee Families in Germany

Brenda Anne Roche (Toronto, ON, Canada; London, UK), 'Trauma' and the Lives of Women Refugees in Resettlement

Hildegard Schürings (Fronhausen, Germany), Twelve Years after Genocide in Rwanda – Youth between Hope and Suffering

#### **Group 4 - Hostility and Reconciliation in Conflict Resolution after Extreme Suffering**

Chair: José Brunner

Carol Harrington (Budapest, Hungary), A Critical Consideration of the Psychosocial Turn within Contemporary Peacekeeping (to be confirmed)

Amy Marczewski (Los Angeles, CA, USA), Trauma In/At Play in Literature: Performing Trauma in the Texts of "Rwanda: écrire par devoir de mémoire"

Karin Mlodoch (Berlin, Germany), Iraq: The Situation of Anfal Surviving Women and Key Experiences of the Counseling Center for Victims of Political Violence in Tuz Khurmatu

#### **Group 5 - Validation and Subversion in Professional Discourses on Trauma**

Chair: André Karger & Angela Kühner

Miriam Rieck (Haifa, Israel), The Holocaust Survivor Meets Society

Jack Saul (New York, NY, USA), Narrative and Performance: Constructing Meaning after Tragedy

#### **11:30 Coffee Break**

#### **12:00 – 13:30 Plenary Session IV On the Politics of Trauma in the Middle East**

Eyad El-Sarraj (Gaza), Wounds and Heroes: Trauma and Stigma in Palestine

Jacqueline Rose (London), [to be confirmed]

Plenary discussion

Chair: José Brunner (Tel Aviv)

#### **13:45 Lunch**

#### **15:00 – 16:30 Open Space Forum I**

Ad-hoc Working Groups

Chair: David Becker & Cornelia Berens

#### **16:30 Coffee Break**

#### **17:00 – 18:00 Open Space Forum II**

Ad-hoc Working Groups  
Chair: David Becker & Cornelia Berens

**19:00 Dinner**

**Evening free for informal gatherings**

*Sunday, 17 September 2006*

**08:00 Breakfast**

**09:00 – 11:00      Workshop Session IV**

**Group 1 - Social Recognition and Denial of Trauma**

Chair: Usche Merk

Stefan Trobisch-Lütge (Berlin, Germany), Subjective and Social Processing of Political Traumatization in the Former GDR: Experience of Injustice and Traumatization / the Individual and the Society

Agnieszka Widera-Wysoczańska (Wrocław, Poland), The Consequences of Childhood Sexual Abuse in Child Protection

Concluding Discussion

**Group 2 - Hierarchies Within and Between Victim Groups**

Chair: Sibylle Rothkegel

Nathalie Zajdé (Paris, France), An Ethnopsychiatry of Shoah Survivors and Their Offspring

Jasna Zečević & Augustina Rahmanović-Koning (Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina), Rape, War, and Stigmatization

Concluding Discussion

**Group 3 - Practical Work with Victim Groups and the Influence of Prejudice and Idealization**

Chair: Birgit Möller & Ilka Lennertz

Kim Servart Theriault (Oak Park, Ill., USA), "Hiding Behind 'The Wall'": Trauma, Stigmatization, and Ambivalence for the Children of the Vietnam War Dead (to be confirmed)

Aline Glorioso Uwizigiye & Kathrin Groninger (Kigali, Rwanda; Berlin, Germany), Trauma Work in the Context of Gacaca-Justice in Rwanda: A Means of Conflict Transformation or Stigma and Distinction Generation between Victims and Perpetrators?

Concluding Discussion

**Group 4 - Hostility and Reconciliation in Conflict Resolution after Extreme Suffering**

Chair: José Brunner

Emilia Salvanou (Athens, Greece), Greek Partisans of the Period 1940-1950: Heroes or Victims of a Collective Trauma?

Barbara Weyermann (Berlin, Germany), The Vicissitudes of Empowerment in Conflict-afflicted Nepal

Concluding Discussion

### **Group 5 - Validation and Subversion in Professional Discourses on Trauma**

Chair: André Karger & Angela Kühner

Guido Vitiello (Florence, Italy), The Trauma of Perpetrators: Theoretical Issues Raised by the German Case

Harald Weilnböck (Zürich, Switzerland), Trauma-melancholia: The (Ab-)Uses of Trauma Concepts in the Field of Literary Studies and Philosophy

Concluding Discussion

### **11:00 Coffee Break**

### **11:30 – 13:00 Final Plenary Session: Observations and Roundtable Trauma – Stigma and Distinction**

Dan Bar-On (Beer-Sheva)  
Jack Saul (New York City)  
Daniel Strassberg (Zürich)  
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Chair: Cornelia Berens

### **13:15 Lunch and Close of the International Trauma Research Net Conference**

### **15:00 Departure**

## **Enquiries**

Before completing the conference registration form, potential participants must enquire by e-mail whether registration is still open or has been closed since there are no more vacancies at the venue.

Enquiries sent between 14 July and 7 August 2006 should be addressed to conference assistant Manuela Grimm at [Manuela.Grimm@his-online.de](mailto:Manuela.Grimm@his-online.de)

Enquiries sent from 8 August to 12 September 2006 should be addressed to Cornelia Berens at [Cornelia.Berens@his-online.de](mailto:Cornelia.Berens@his-online.de)

Please enter the phrase 'Trauma Conference Enquiry' in the subject field of your e-mail.

## **Registration**

After receiving confirmation from the organizers that registrations are still being accepted, participants must complete the registration form at [www.traumaresearch.net](http://www.traumaresearch.net). Please note that registration does not become final until the conference fee has been paid. Conference fees include accommodations, meals, refreshments, and a reception on the first evening of the conference.

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Annex 01 **Speakers**

Annex 02 **Film Documentary**

Annex 03 **Registration Form**

## Speakers

**Cyril Kenneth Adonis** (Johannesburg, South Africa), research psychologist, doctoral candidate in conflict analysis and resolution at Nova Southeastern University in the United States; his dissertation focuses on transgenerational trauma and forgiveness. Now a research manager for the Independent Complaints Directorate (statutory body dealing with police misconduct) in South Africa. Consulted to the Center for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation on projects related to forgiveness and memorialization and transgenerational memory in post-apartheid South Africa.

**Rym Akhonzada** (Belfast, Northern Ireland) is a research co-ordinator in the School of Sociology, Social Policy and Social Work in Queen's University Belfast researching the effectiveness of services for victims of political violence in Northern Ireland. She has published in international journals and presented at national and international conferences. See [www.qub.ac.uk/sw/research/pave.html](http://www.qub.ac.uk/sw/research/pave.html).

**Dan Bar-On** (Beer Sheva, Israel), professor of psychology at the department of behavioral sciences at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev in Israel, co-director of [PRIME](#) (Peace Research Institute in the Middle East) near Beit Jala (within the Palestinian National Authority), together with professor Sami Adwan of Bethlehem University. Latest books: *The Indescribable and the Undiscussable: Reconstructing Human Discourse after Trauma*, Budapest; New York, 1998; *Tell Your Life Story: Creating Dialogue among Jews and Germans, Israelis and Palestinians*, ib., 2006. See Dan Bar-On's personal website at <http://www.bgu.ac.il/~danbaron/>.

**Alice-Mihaela Bardan** (Los Angeles, CA, USA), Ph.D. candidate, University of Southern California, Department of English, holds M.A.s in English from the Univ. of Southern California and Emporia State University, KS., an M.A. in American cultural studies, and a B.A. in English and French from the Al. I. Cuza Univ. in Iasi, Romania. Her current research focuses on contemporary European cinema, Holocaust theory, trauma film, and the contested ways in which the Communist past is remembered in Central and Eastern Europe.

**Vladan Beara** (Novi Sad, Serbia), psychologist, REBT psychotherapist and associate fellow of the Albert Ellis Institute NYC. From 1991-1999, he acted as program coordinator of the Association for Mental Health Protection of War Veterans and Victims of War. Since 1995 he has focused on work with traumatized persons through UNICEF, IAN, and Fund for Open Society Programs as coordinator, adviser, and evaluator.

**David Becker** (Berlin, Germany), psychologist, PhD, has worked for the Latin-American Institute for Human Rights and Mental Health, and most recently for the International Academy at the Free University of Berlin. Consulted to GTZ, WHO, SDC, UNDP-EI Salvador. Experience in Angola, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Chile, El Salvador, Croatia, Northern Ireland, and Serbia. Founder of the Office of Psychosocial Issues, see <http://www.opsiconsult.com>. Member of the steering committee for this conference.

**Cornelia Berens** (Hamburg, Germany), M.A., literary historian, academic coordinator of the Trauma Research Network and long-term guest fellow at the Hamburg Institute for Social Research, editor of the *TRN-Newsletter*. See <http://www.traumaresearch.net>. Executive member of the steering committee for this conference.

**Elise Bittenbinder** (Berlin, Germany), staff member of Xenion Berlin, Psychotherapeutic Advice Centre for Refugees. Bittenbinder is president of The German Association of Psychosocial Centres for Refugees and Torture Victims (BAFF), See <http://www.baff-zentren.org/>.

**José Brunner** (Tel Aviv, Israel), director of the Minerva Institute for German History; professor at the Buchmann Faculty of Law and the Cohn Institute of the History and Philosophy of Science and Ideas, Tel Aviv University. Main areas of research and teaching: History and politics of psychoanalysis and discourse on trauma; modern and contemporary political thought; time and law; psychological explanations of Nazism and genocide; practices of compensation for Holocaust survivors. See <http://www.tau.ac.il/law/josebrunner/>. Member of the steering committee for this conference.

**Yves Alexandre Chouala** (Yaoundé, Cameroon), senior research fellow, Group of Administrative, Political, and Social Research, University of Yaoundé II-Soa; associate professor, International Relations Institute of Cameroon (IRIC). Doctor of political science, thesis title: *Inter-Statism in the Gulf of Guinea: A Contribution of the Field Paradigm to the Sociology of International Relations*,

2003. Doctor of international relations, thesis title: *Disorder and Order in Central Africa. Democratisation, Conflicts, and Regional Geopolitical Shifts*, 2000.

**Stephen Coulter** (Belfast, Northern Ireland), a social worker and family therapist who has worked in the areas of family support, child protection, and child and adolescent mental health services for more than 20 years. He currently works as a senior family therapist and clinical coordinator of the Family Trauma Centre in Belfast, a regional service addressing the psychological needs of children and their families following trauma. Stephen Coulter contributes to family therapy training courses and is a clinical supervisor for MSc trainees in systemic psychotherapy.

**Karola Dillenburger** (Belfast, Northern Ireland) is a clinical psychologist (BPS) and senior lecturer at the Department of Sociology, Social Policy, and Social Work at Queen's University of Belfast. Her main research interests include applied behaviour analysis in the areas of parent training, bereavement, child sex abuse, and autism. She has published widely in national and international journals. She is presently principal investigator on the PAVE project, exploring effectiveness of services delivered to people affected by violence in Northern Ireland. See [www.qub.ac.uk/sw/research/pave.html](http://www.qub.ac.uk/sw/research/pave.html).

**Montse Fargas** (Belfast, Northern Ireland) holds a degree in sociology from the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (Autonomous University of Barcelona) and a M.Phil in women's studies from Trinity College Dublin. Currently, she is a research fellow in the School of Sociology, Social Policy and Social Work in Queen's University Belfast researching the effectiveness of services for victims of political violence in Northern Ireland. See [www.qub.ac.uk/sw/research/pave.html](http://www.qub.ac.uk/sw/research/pave.html). She has published in international journals and presented at national and international conferences.

**Hannes Fricke** (Stuttgart, Germany), Dr. phil., is an editor for the publishing company Philipp Reclam jun. in Stuttgart. Fricke studied sociology in Bielefeld and German literature and philosophy in Göttingen. As a visiting lecturer at the Ludwig Maximilian University in Munich and at the University of Stuttgart, he teaches "Introduction to the Psychology of Literature".

**Catherine Grandsard** (Paris, France), PhD, clinical psychologist, associate professor of psychology and psychopathology and co-director of the Georges Devereux Center, University of Paris 8. See [www.ethnopsychiatrie.net](http://www.ethnopsychiatrie.net). Areas of interest: psychotherapy for multicultural families, psychic trauma treatment, ethnopsychiatry. Author of a book on Jewish-Christian intermarriage.

**Kathrin Groninger** (Berlin, Germany; Kigali, Rwanda), psychologist, from 2000-2004 at the service center for refugees and immigrants of the German Red Cross in Berlin. Since 2003 a member of the external commission on custody pending deportation, she has begun training as a psychotherapist at the Institute for Psychological Psychotherapy and Counseling in Berlin (ppt). She is now serving as a peacebuilding worker in the Civil Peace Corps of the German Development Service (DED) in Rwanda. Together with the partner organization Kanyarwanda, she is developing a structure for co-operation and dialog for dealing with post-conflict trauma.

**Esther Grossmann** (München, Germany; London, UK), psychologist. MSc Theoretical Psychoanalytic Studies, University College, London; awarded in 2003 the Joseph Sandler Prize for Best Dissertation of the Year: *Repetition Compulsion, Death Drive and Traumatic Memory*. Completion of 2nd Degree in Psychology at the Ludwig Maximilian University Munich in 2005. Since 2004 Grossmann has worked as Assistant Child Psychotherapist in the 'Tavistock Outreach Project in Schools' in London. In 09/2006 she is starting her clinical training as a child psychotherapist at the Tavistock Centre.

**Renate Haas** (Berlin, Germany), Dr. paed., MA (ethnology), educationalist, director of the Institut für Kulturanalyse in Berlin (Institute for Cultural Analysis). See <http://www.kulturanalyse.org>. Developed a program "'Experience of Violence—Trauma—Reconciliation. Dealing with Traumatised Persons in Different Societies'. Eine Fortbildung für Mitarbeiter der Internationalen Entwicklungszusammenarbeit" [advanced education for staff members of international development cooperation]. Research interests: theories of culture and experience of violence; denial of history; and art.

**Brandon Hamber** (Belfast, Northern Ireland), Psychologist, PhD, has worked for the Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation (South Africa), and currently Honorary Fellow of INCORE, a United Nations Research Centre for the Study of Conflict at the University of Ulster. Consultant to and co-founder of the Office of Psychosocial Issues at the Free University, Berlin and a Research Associate of Democratic Dialogue. Consulted to South African Government Health Department, GTZ (South Africa), Special EU Programmes Body, Healing through Remembering (Northern Ireland),

SDC, Foundation for Peace Network. Experience in South Africa, Northern Ireland, Brazil and Sierra Leone. See <http://www.brandonhamber.com/>.

**Carol Harrington** (Budapest, Hungary), Ph.D. in sociology from Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand, in 1998, and now assistant professor of political science, Central European University, Budapest; edited together with Ayman Salem and Tamara Zurabishvili *After Communism: Critical Perspectives on Society and Sociology*, Bern, 2004. [Attendance to be confirmed]

**Dayton Henderson** (Berkeley, CA, USA) is currently completing his PhD project in German literature and film at the University of California, Berkeley.

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## **Childhood and Violence** **Can the Wounds of a Shattered Life Be Healed?**

**2000-2006, film documentary, Beta-SP, 120 min, 16:9**

(German-English version with German and English subtitles)

**Produced and directed by Gerhard König and Carmen Feuchtner**

The interviewees are therapists and doctors who specialise in working with both traumatised children and adults. The specialists' work focuses on helping children who have suffered some of the most extreme forms of violence and adults who suffered similarly during childhood. Concrete cases illustrate what is authentic, what has been destroyed, elements of protection, what can be cured, individual and general effects as well as effects manifested throughout an entire lifetime. The individual and his/her limitations are seen from a child's perspective and in the context of childhood.

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