

Cannes, EPF congress 2023
Forum on Psychoanalysis, Migration and cultural Identities

English Speaking Workshop: *Illusions of justice, Deception*

Usually Thursday 9.00-12.00

30 participants, candidates welcome, registration: vonoverbeckottino@bluewin.ch

Abstract: A clinical case will be used to start a discussion of the traumatic loss of the illusion of justice and equality which played a decisive role in a young minority patient's decision to be or not to be IN psychoanalysis. Young people like her, strive to leave behind the experience of disillusionment but they are frequently soon caught by the bitter sense of deception again. Another hot point of the discussion might be the position of psychoanalysis itself and its institutions and whether they also are or are not involved in such a deception while trying to maintain an illusion of justice and equality.

French Speaking Workshop: *Deuils, identités et illusions*

Usually Thursday 17.00-19.00

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Abstract: L'expression clinique de l'illusion peut prendre diverses figures à l'adolescence. Défense contre des deuils non représentables dans une histoire familiale où la construction de l'identité est entravée, l'adolescent peut en souffrir jusqu'à en mourir. L'auteur présentera l'histoire d'une famille entre la France et l'Algérie, les attaques terroristes et des deuils en cascades qui semblent aboutir à une maladie de l'adolescence où la mort s'invite au quotidien : une anorexie sévère.

Panel on the main theme: *The illusion of Truth*

Usually Saturday afternoon

Abstract: Systematic lying in medias and politics cripples people's ability to make informed choices and thereby threatens to undermine the very nature and purpose of democratic governance. Nowadays, at an ever-increasing pace, illusions are purposefully created for a very specific aim – to deceive groups of people. Such illusions are often culturally loaded and transmit prejudices and stereotypes or radicalize opinions and identities. Industry and technology often use psychologically informed strategies, orchestrating media and AI developed algorithms. In Hannah Arendt words, we do develop “*something new in the huge arsenal of human follies*” to serve in Freud's words the “*enemy of civilization*”. Can we use our knowledge and skill to address this situation?