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This interdisciplinary program offers a series of five seminars, held between October 2009 and May 2011. Each seminar will take course over four days, focusing on one aspect of issues pertaining to conflicts and coexistence. Seminars will be led by Prof. Vamik Volkan, Lord John Alderdice, Ambassador W. Nathaniel Howell, Prof. Felix de Mendelsohn, Prof. Thomas Wenzel, Prof. Alfred Pritz, and other selected specialists.

The programme is organised and hosted by Sigmund Freud University and directed by Professor Thomas Wenzel, of the Medical University of Vienna in collaboration with the World Psychiatric Association (Section on Psychological Consequences of Torture and Persecution). All seminars will be held in English. On completing the programme participants will receive the diploma of International Conflict Negotiation.

Admission: Professionals who deal with social, cultural and ethnic conflicts will be given priority. The course will be held in English.

Program Fees	
entire course	€ 3,000.-
single seminar	€ 700.-

Information on stipendiatees for reduced participation fees are available on request.

For additional information, please visit

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Vienna is home to many major international organizations, including the United Nations and OPEC. Night view of the Reichsbruecke and the Vienna International Center. (Photo: Gerald Zinnecker, © 2007)



History, and especially recent history, has demonstrated that even in the era of international peace keeping organisations, group processes can lead to social unrest, violence and genocide. The need to understand extreme intergroup interactions, to develop effective intervention strategies, and to improve negotiation methods, is becoming increasingly urgent. In collaboration with an interdisciplinary panel of experts in large scale negotiations and mediation, we have prepared a professional training program based on the most recent findings in these fields.

The panel of experts will be headed by Professor Vamik Volkan, Lord John Alderdice, and Ambassador W. Nathaniel Howell. Participants will have the opportunity to acquire skills and experience in conflict negotiation analyses, as well as in the development and implementation of group coexistence strategies. The programme will be based on a pragmatic and interdisciplinary approach, integrating political science, cross-cultural psychology, and psychotherapeutic intervention, with a focus on large group and psychodynamic counselling.

The time frame of five intense four-day workshops over a two year period, will enable participants to integrate the curriculum into ongoing professional work settings.

Sigmund Freud University is a vibrant intellectual community with an active schedule of conferences, public talks and workshops. (Photo: Veronika Neubauer, © 2008)



Short schedule of workshops

Please check our website for specific dates.

27. – 30. August 2009

Professor Vamik Volkan

Massive Traumas, Transgenerational Transmissions and International Relationships

5. – 8. November 2009

Ambassador Prof. W. Nathaniel Howell

26. – 29. August 2010

Felix de Mendelsohn

Professor Alfred Pritz

Professor Thomas Wenzel

18. – 21. November 2010

Professor Vamik Volkan

Lectures will be held 9 am – 6 pm

It's possible to participate only in the first introductory workshop by Prof. Volkan.

Please inquire for the possibility of a scholarship.

Instructor Biographies

Professor Vamik Volkan

Dr. Vamik D. Volkan, M.D. is Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry at the University of Virginia School of Medicine, an emeritus training and supervising analyst at the Washington Psychoanalytic Institute, and past president of both the International Society of Political Psychology and the Virginia Psychoanalytic Society. In 1987, Prof. Volkan founded the Center for the Study of Mind and Human Interaction (CSMHI), where he served as Director until 2002. He is the Senior Erik Erikson Scholar at the Austen Riggs Center in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, and the 2003 recipient of the Sigmund Freud Award given by the city of Vienna in collaboration with the World Council of Psychotherapy. Prof. Volkan was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2005, 2006 and 2007, for examining conflicts between opposing groups.

Over the course of three decades, Professor Volkan has conducted both research and intervention projects in conflict societies, and has served as advisor and negotiator to governments. This work has led to a new understanding of large-group behaviour, including complex processes such as the “chosen trauma” in communities. He has authored or co-authored more than thirty books and numerous other publications in the field.

The Lord John Alderdice, FRCPsych

Lord John Alderdice has served as the leader of the Alliance Party of Northern Ireland from 1987 until 1998, and was a key negotiator of the Good Friday Agreement. When, as a result of the Agreement, a new Northern

Rich in history, culture and tradition, the city of Vienna provides a stimulating background for academic discussion. Vienna, First District. (Photos: Albina Colden, © 2007)



Ireland Assembly was created in 1998, he was appointed Speaker. Lord Alderdice was appointed as one of four international commissioners mandated by the British and Irish Governments to oversee the closing down of the paramilitary organizations and security normalization in Ireland. In 2005 he was elected President of Liberal International, a worldwide family of some 100 liberal political parties.

Lord Alderdice is the founding Consultant Psychiatrist at the Centre for Psychotherapy in Belfast and a Visiting Professor in the Department of Psychiatric Medicine at the University of Virginia. He is Chairman of the World Federation of Scientists Permanent Monitoring Panel on Motivations for Terrorism. He was the recipient of the Award of the International Psychoanalytic Association in 2005, and the Ettore Majorana Erice Prize of the World Federation of Scientists in 2006. He has been awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Letters from the University of East London in 2008.

Lord Alderdice sits as a Liberal Democrat in the House of the Lords at Westminster. He travels widely as a lecturer and consultant with substantial experience in political conflict and international terrorism.

Ambassador W. Nathaniel Howell, Ph.D.

Ambassador W. Nathaniel Howell entered the United States Foreign Service in 1965, serving in various positions in Cairo, Paris, Brussels, the United Arab Emirates and Beirut. He then served as Director of the Office of Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, and Syria Affairs at the State Department, after which he served as Deputy Chief of Mission of the Embassy in Algiers, and subsequently as Political Advisor (POLAD) to the Commander-in-Chief of the United States Central Command (USCENTCOM). He served as Ambassador to the State of Kuwait from August 1987 until December 1990, four months after the Iraqi invasion.

Ambassador Howell is the 1997 recipient of the Laughlin Annual Distinguished Citizen Award. He received the Presidential Meritorious Service Award for members of the Senior Foreign Service in 1991, the Secretary of State Award for Valor in 1977 and 1991, the Department of State Superior Honor Award in 1967, and the Meritorious Honor Award in 1976. He is also the 1988 recipient of the Secretary of Defense Distinguished Civilian Service Medal. In July, 1992, Dr. Howell was awarded the Kuwait Decoration with Sash of the First Class by the Amir of Kuwait for his actions during and after the Iraqi invasion.

Dr. Howell is the John Minor Maury Jr. Professor of Public Affairs at the University of Virginia, where he is Director of the Institute for Global Policy Research and the Arabian Peninsula and Gulf Studies Program. He has taught in conflict negotiation programs worldwide, and has collaborated in research programs on group representations of social and intercultural conflicts.

Professor Alfred Pritz (left),
Director of Sigmund Freud
University, greets international
delegation (Photo: Veronika
Neubauer, © 2008)



Professor Felix de Mendelssohn

Felix de Mendelssohn is Head of the Department of Psychoanalytic Studies at Sigmund Freud University in Vienna. He is the Chairman of the Section for Group Analysis in the International Association of Group Psychotherapy.

Professor Mendelssohn has developed training programmes for group therapists in the Ukraine, Israel and Japan, and has published monographs on various clinical and cultural aspects of group therapy. In 2000, he held the annual Foulkes Lecture in London on “The Aesthetics of the Political in Group Analytic Process”. Born in London, he is a renown Psychoanalyst and Group Analyst with a private practice in Vienna, Austria.

Professor Alfred Pritz

Professor Alfred Pritz is the Director of the Sigmund Freud University in Vienna, Austria. He is President of the World Council for Psychotherapy, and past president of the European Association for Psychotherapy. Dr. Pritz has been instrumental in developing Psychotherapy legislation in Austria. His career has been committed to teaching in multicultural and group contexts in diverse

and post-conflict areas such as Albania, China, Ukraine, Serbia, the Kosovo, and Russia. Professor Pritz has headed long-term group dynamic reconciliation projects, specialising in intercultural communication, negotiations, and psychotherapeutic applications.

Dr. Pritz is a practicing psychoanalyst in Vienna, Austria. He is the author and editor of numerous articles and over twenty books on psychotherapy topics, including *Globalized Psychotherapy* and *Dictionary of Psychotherapy*.

Professor Thomas Wenzel

Dr. Thomas Wenzel is Professor of Psychiatry in the Medical University of Vienna. He is a licensed psychotherapist in Austria, Germany, Canada, and the US, as well as a specialist in Psychiatry and Neurology.

Professor Wenzel has served as Secretary, and later, Chair of the World Psychiatric Association (Section on “Psychological Consequences of Torture and Persecution”), as Chair of the European Association Working Group on Forced Migration, as Secretary General of the International Academy of Mental Health, and as Director for the International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Survivors in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Dr. Wenzel has developed training and intervention programs and has conducted extensive research on trauma and transcultural therapy methods - particularly in war and post-conflicts zones, including Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kosovo and Sri-Lanka, as well as Uganda and China, in collaboration with international organisations such as the WHO, WMA, and UNHCR.



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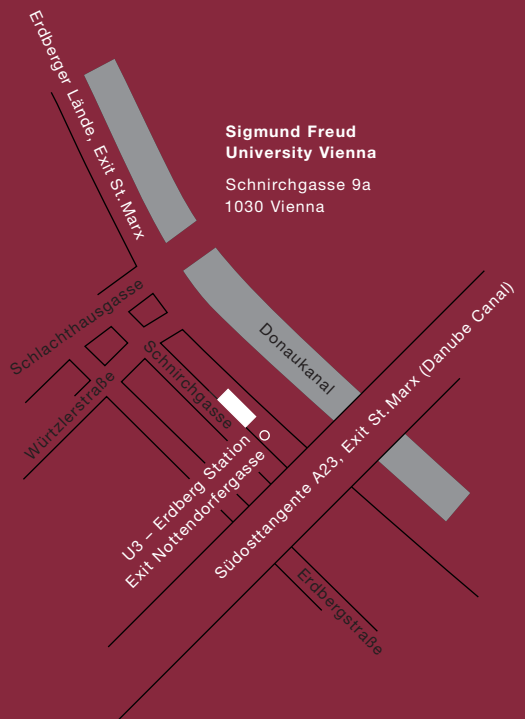
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