

**“MIND, CONSCIOUSNESS AND RITUALS” SYMPOSIUM**  
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**LECTURERS’ BIOS**

**Dagmar Eigner**, PhD, Univ.-Prof., studied psychology, physiology, cultural anthropology, and philosophy at the University of Vienna and music (piano, composition) at the Conservatory of the City of Vienna. At present, she is professor for Medical Anthropology at the Medical University of Vienna; psychotherapist, clinical and health psychologist. Since 1984 she conducted extensive fieldwork in South and Southeast Asia, Siberia, North Africa, Cuba, China, and Austria on medical pluralism, traditional healing and biomedicine, therapeutic dynamics of healing rituals, shamanism and spirit possession, as well as qualitative investigations of the socio-cultural context of different medical systems and communicative competence of traditional healers and biomedical doctors. She led numerous ethno-psychological and anthropological photo and video projects. She is the President of the Austrian Society for Medical Anthropology and member of the scientific board of the Theodor Körner-Research Funds and of the Medical Board of the Austrian Federal Ministry for Defence and Sports.

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**Jürgen Werner Kremer**, PhD, is the author of *Towards a Person-Centered Resolution of Intercultural Conflicts*. He teaches psychology in the Behavioral Sciences Department of the Santa Rosa Junior College and is a clinical psychologist by training. He is the former Dean of Faculty and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Saybrook Institute; Academic Dean, Chair of the Integral Studies and East-West Psychology Program, California Institute of Integral Studies (CIIS); and Co-Director of the Ph.D. program for Traditional Knowledge, CIIS. He has lately published on such issues as: Old Norse mythology, modern consciousness and indigenous wisdom, trance, the history of sense alienation in Euro-centered cultures, his travels in Sápmi (Lapland), the symbol of the bear in northern Eurasian mythic stories, tricksters of the trans/personal, the obligations of a white man, and violence against indigenous peoples. His most recent publications are *Bearing Obligation* (in *Wo(men) and Bears – The Gifts of Nature, Culture and Gender Revisited*, Inanna at York University) and, together with Stanley Krippner, *Hypnotic-like Procedures in Indigenous Shamanism and Mediumship* (Handbook for Hypnosis).

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**Michael DelMonte**, PhD, is Principal Clinical Psychologist in St. Patrick's University Hospital, Dublin, founded by Dean Jonathan Swift in 1745. This hospital has very close ties with Trinity College, Dublin. Dr. DelMonte has a particular interest in integrated psychotherapy, drawing on his training in Constructivist (Existentialist), Psychodynamic, Systemic and Oriental (e.g. mindfulness) approaches to mental health, in his work with individuals, couples, families and groups. In 1990 he was co-founder of the "Transnational Network for the Study of Physical, Psychological, and Spiritual Well-Being" in Tokyo, Japan. He has published about 80 articles in professional journals and books on a variety of topics dealing with psychotherapy, mindfulness and meditation.

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**Günther Fleck**, PhD, Clinical and Health Psychologist, is Head of the Psychology and Educational Science Research Division at the Institute for Human and Social Sciences, National Defence Academy, Vienna, Austria. Former Assignments at the Austrian Military Hospital in the Field of Aviation Psychology and at the Austrian Armed Forces Psychology Service as Head of the Division for Psychological Training and Support. He is a lecturer at the Department of Political Science, University of Vienna and is a visiting lecturer in Psychology of Science at the Department for History and Philosophy of Science, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest. He is the Vice-President of the Austrian Society for Organismic-Systemic Research and Theory. Research Areas: Political, Personality and Social Psychology, Psychology of Science and Knowledge, Epistemology and Philosophy of Science.

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**Katalin Varga**, PhD, is a full professor at Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE), the head of the Department of Affective Psychology, and past president of the Hungarian Association of Hypnosis. She was awarded a Postgraduate Fellowship of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (1986-1990) to study the subjective experiences associated with hypnosis and the role of suggestions in critical states. She was awarded her degree of “Doctor of University” (ELTE) in 1991, and a PhD in 1997 on comparing the subjective and behavioral effects of hypnosis. As a member of the “Budapest hypnosis research laboratory,” she is investigating hypnosis in an interactional framework, and in this multilevel approach she is focusing on the phenomenological data. For the past 20 years she has been working with patients in a hospital setting – mostly critically ill patients – applying suggestive and hypnosis techniques. She is the founder and professor of the postgraduate training of suggestive communication in somatic medicine, co-organized by the Hungarian Association of Hypnosis and Semmelweis University School of Medicine, Budapest. She has published numerous articles which present her research findings hypnosis, and the clinical experiences on the application of suggestive techniques with the critically ill.