



# FROM CROWDS TO COMMUNITIES IN DIALOGUE

The Large Group in contemporary Group Analysis

**12 MARCH 2022**

**9.40 AM - 5.10 PM (CET)**

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**ONLINE Event (ZOOM), Simultaneous Translation (italian/english)**

**Maximum:** 250 participants

**REGISTRATION AT:** <https://forms.gle/JgBwmf7vTsENVGMN6>

**REGISTRATION FEE:** until the 12 february 30€,  
after 12 february 40€

## SCHEDULE:

9.40 am - 10.00 am	Entering participants Chair <b>A. D'AURIA</b>
10.00 am - 10.10 am	Introduction <b>C. VULCANO</b>
10.10 am - 10.35 am	Lecture <b>C. PENNA - From Crowds to Constructed Large Groups as Spaces for Collective Self-Reflection</b>
10.35 am - 11.00 am	Lecture <b>E. HOPPER - Convening a Large Group in Group Analysis: Two Core Principles</b>
11.00 am - 11.15 am	Break
11.15 am - 12.45 pm	Large Group ( <b>E. HOPPER, C. PENNA, S. NEGRO, G. LOSITO</b> )
12.45 pm - 1.15 pm	Break
1.15 pm - 2.45 pm	Large Group ( <b>E. HOPPER, C. PENNA, S. NEGRO, G. LOSITO</b> )
2.45 pm - 4.15 pm	Lunch Break
4.15 pm - 4.35 pm	Review Session, Group of Conductors
4.35 pm - 5.00 pm	Discussion
5.00 pm - 5.10 pm	Conclusion



**Carla PENNA**, PhD, is a psychoanalyst and group analyst in Brazil. She is a member of the Scientific Committee of the Group Analytic Society International and co-chair of the Analytic Section of IAGP. She is a past president of the Brazilian Group Psychotherapy Association and the Group Analytic Psychotherapy Society of the State of Rio de Janeiro. She is a former Visiting Professor of Medical Psychology at the University State of Rio de Janeiro. She is co-editor of the Journal *Cadernos de Psicanálise* in Brazil. She published in Portuguese the book *"Inconsciente Social"* [Social Unconscious] and in 2022 is publishing *"From Crowd Psychology to Dynamics of Large Groups: Historical, Theoretical and Practical Considerations"*, by Routledge.

**ABSTRACT - "From Crowds to Constructed Large Groups as Spaces for Collective Self-Reflection"**. *The Lecture presents the trajectory of the work in large groups in group analysis, introducing the study of crowd psychology at the end of the nineteenth century as well as the association between masses and leaders in the twentieth century. However, it was only during the transformative context of the 1960s and 1970s, that the work in large groups flourished. This presentation introduces large group theoretical perspectives, highlighting its role in the creation of spaces for collective self-reflection. The twenty-first century is facing unexpected challenges that bring to the fore the enactment of fractures that rest in the unconscious life of groups. In this sense, large-group work becomes a fundamental tool in the promotion of dialogue and citizenship in communities and societies.*

**Earl HOPPER**, PhD, is a psychoanalyst, group analyst, certified group therapist, and organisational consultant in private practice in London. A Distinguished Fellow of the American Group Psychotherapy Association, an Honorary Member of the Group Analytic Society International, and an Honorary Member of the Institute of Group Analysis, he is a supervisor and training analyst for many psychotherapy associations in England. He is a former President of the International Association for Group Psychotherapy and Group Processes (IAGP), and a former Chairman of the Association of Independent Psychoanalysts of the British Psychoanalytical Society. The author and editor of many books and articles in psychoanalysis, group analysis, and sociology, he is the editor of the New International Library of Group Analysis for Routledge. Brief titles description: PhD, Psychoanalyst (BPS), Group Analyst (GASI, IGA, IAGP, AGPA).

**ABSTRACT - "Convening a Large Group: Two Core Principles"**. The purpose of constructed Large Group events is two-fold: collective self-reflection in terms of the tripartite matrix; and the growth and development of the group. I will consider two principles in the theory and practice of convening such groups in Group Analysis: the principle of analyses of regression concerns the interpretation of defences against those anxieties which threaten group cohesion; and the principle of therapy for progression concerns the dynamic administration of the group. The second principle involves the obligations of mature citizenship within the group itself, its sponsoring organisation, and the contextual society. We seek to achieve an optimal balance between the two principles.

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