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### Pablo Castanho



I am currently professor of Clinical Psychology for undergraduate, masters and PhD students at *Universidade de São Paulo* (USP) Brazil. I have authored and co-authored about 60 articles or book chapters and one book, nearly all dealing with analytic group issues. Most of my papers are published in Portuguese, but a few are in French and English. I am a member of NESME, an analytic group society in Brazil and teach at different training programs for psychotherapists and group workers.

I first fell in love with group work when I participated in an operative group in 2000. I almost immediately started to study Pichon-Rivière's approach to groups and soon René Kaës'. Ever since, I have been opening up to different analytic group authors.

My passion for group work led me to the Brazilian National Health System (SUS), (largely inspired in UK's) where I worked for 6 years on the outskirts of the city of São Paulo. This experience sharpened my interest to the use of groups in a variety of community and institutional contexts. A significant part of my academic work is to think about how to adapt and optimize groups in such contexts. In this endeavor, I have found Pichon-Rivière's operative group and French literature on the use of objects in psychoanalytical psychotherapy extremely useful. Furthermore, I believe that such groups are pathways to facilitating and increasing our understating of how psychic reality connects to the social dimension.

Specificities of Brazilian society, and how they emerge in groups, have always intrigued me and inspired my work. At the same time, I believe that having connections and being active abroad helps us to understand better our own reality. This has motivated me to participate in a number of international activities and institutions. I was vice-president of the Latin American Federations for Analytic Group Psychotherapy (FLAPAG, 2007-2009), member of the board of directors of the International Association for Group Psychotherapy and Group Processes (IAGP, 2009-2012) and I am currently co-chair of the International inter-university network *group et liens intersubjective* created at *Université Lumière Lyon 2* - France.

## **Alasdair Forrest**



Group Analyst and Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist and Medical Psychotherapist to the Royal Cornhill Hospital in Aberdeen in Scotland. He provides individual and group analytic psychotherapy for part of the week and treats offender-patients in a low-secure hospital setting, a prison, and the community.

## **Dr Maria-José Blanco (Phd)**



Group -Analyst (IGA, London) and academic. Her academic interests lie in therapeutic writing, life-writing, autobiography, and motherhood, specialising in Spanish contemporary women writers. She works as a psychotherapist in organisations and private practice and teaches at King's College London.

## **Alice Mulasso**



Psychologist, psychotherapist and group analyst. Working in private practice and in Arcipelago Practice of Applied Group Analysis in Turin, with individual and group psychotherapy. Past President and co-founder of Arcipelago. APRAGI President, COIRAG member. Trainer in Group Analysis in the national COIRAG training institute in Turin. GASi full member and part of the MC with the role of Membership Honorary Secretary. Starter of the Italian branch of Reflective Citizens and member of the Steering Group on the International Reflective Citizens.

## Farideh Dizadji



Political refugee in exile since 1984, intersectional internationalist, feminist and socialist, which constitute her group analytic positionality.

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