

# 8th GASi International Summer School

**30TH JULY – 3RD AUGUST 2025**  
**ROFFEY PARK, UK**

The Maelstrom.

An analogy for our times and the Significance  
of Involved Detachment.

The Maelstrom is a short story by Edgar Allan Poe, about two brothers drawn into a whirlpool and subsequent events. The story was taken up by Norbert Elias, one of the founders of the Group Analytic Society. Elias used this story to draw attention to the importance of being involved in our experience but being able to detach and think about it at the same time. He called this quality Involved Detachment. The maelstrom is an evocative symbol for a turbulent wider society and for analytic groupwork with its visceral and demanding challenges. These challenges both require a propensity for engagement with emotional experience and a capacity to think about and reflect upon the emergent group process.

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# HOLDING THE CENTRE IN THE MAELSTROM

## – Involved Detachment



*As we sit together in our group analytic circles and spirals, what do we find ourselves doing and thinking about as we try to more fully understand the emotional themes and patterns which begin to make their appearance through our work together.*

In this Summer School, we will be exploring the issue of involved detachment through presentations, discussions, large groups, social dreaming, median and small experiential groups, supervision, and leisure time together in magnificent surroundings and history of Roffey Park as well as a barbeque and an optional planned coach trip to Brighton.

### Summer School Registration Fee

Low early bird fee £350  
Low fee £380  
High early bird fee £450  
High fee £480

Early bird fees are limited. Maximum number of participants is 100.

**Bursary application form**

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### The Location

#### [About Roffey Park](#)

Accommodation available at Roffey Park, on first come first served basis. Proposed alternative – Horsham Premier Inn Town Centre.

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