

Association for the Psychoanalysis of Culture and Society
Call for Papers

Failed Mourning; Fractured Social Contracts
Psychosocial Perspectives on Recognition, Reckoning, and Repair

Virtual Conference

Tentatively planned for weekends of October 15-17 & October 23-24, 2021

(Journal Board Meeting, Sunday, October 24, 1-2:30PM EST/6-7:30PM UK)

Executive Board Meeting Saturday, November 6, 11AM-12:30PM EST/4-5:30PM UK)

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: MAY 1, 2021

This conference will take up the complex issue of how we reckon with trauma, divisiveness, and grievance and move forward in the complex tasks that mourning entails.

We invite you to consider these issues broadly and deeply, and to bring your own lenses and interests to bear so that we can inclusively and constructively work towards recognizing and reckoning with the unruly and unwieldy facts of our existence.

Please think broadly about these issues from your own discipline and perspective, and consider proposing multidisciplinary conversations that discuss these issues across disciplines or ***that invite commentary from a different discipline or from an interdisciplinary perspective that integrates concepts and modes of knowledge production.*** Engaging other fields is invited so that our discussions enrich and expand our ability to explore the conference theme broadly, such that both problems and possibilities might be further revealed, and differences might be constructively addressed rather than further silenced.

Consider, for example, how the perspectives of psychoanalysis, culture and social justice might inform the following:

- Recovering and investigating overlooked voices from both inside and outside of psychoanalysis
- Ecopsychology and Anthropocene issues that include soul space and recovery of our shared world
- Working Through
- Resistance, Resilience and Adaptation
- Mourning as active political and psychological work
- Ancestral Mourning and the transmission of trauma
- Melancholia to Mourning
- Process Philosophy implications
- Racism and Reparations for slavery
- Migration and traumatic political reenactment.
- Unrecognized nations and imagined communities
- Fake news and social contagion in the loss of face to face community
- Mourning as a research method
- Processes of reparation and manic reparation in the public sphere
- Disavowal and neoliberalism
- The role of popular culture in working through- or not
- Political culture as a scene of the manic defense
- Ableism and the lack of recognizing a “non-able” body
- Mourning and identity
- Addiction as unrecognized trauma
- Working through Covid19

Individual paper proposals may be submitted, as well as **symposium, roundtable, or working session proposals**. Most sessions will be 90 minutes long. Individual papers will be grouped into themed panels.

SPEAKING TIME IS LIMITED TO ENSURE TIME FOR ALL, AND TIME FOR DISCUSSION!

Panel and symposium formats presume **no more than 15 minutes per speaker**;

Roundtables presume **no more than 7 minutes per speaker**.

All panels should reserve at least 30 minutes for audience participation. At APCS, we value conversation. Keeping your own remarks within the allotted time helps to ensure that all participants can engage in the dialogue.

We welcome proposals that include a required reading posted to our website that those planning to attend the session can read in advance. We hope that all presenters will offer their ideas in a conversational style (avoiding PowerPoint presentations where possible) and we also invite you to think of alternate formats that promote discussion.

Abstracts should be no longer than 300 words and will be published on our website and on our app. Review criteria will include relevance to the APCS mission and program theme, and appropriate grounding from a theoretical perspective.

Submissions are due by May 1, 2021.

On February 1 we will open our web-based submission process and you will be able to submit a proposal any time between February 1 and midnight on May 1, 2020. Please check our website at <http://www.apcsweb.net/annual-conference/call-for-papers/> for updated submission details, which will be posted shortly.

Meanwhile, if you have any questions please contact conference co-chairs: Marilyn Charles, mcharlesphd@gmail.com or Lita Crociani-Windland at Lita.Crociani-Windland@uwe.ac.uk

Submission Details

Symposia and Roundtables: Submission should include both an overview of up to 300 words and individual presentation abstracts of up to 300 words each. Individual titles and abstracts are not required for roundtables.

Individual Paper Submissions: Individual presentation abstracts should be up to 300 words each.

STUDENTS WHO WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN STUDENT ROUNDTABLES should contact Marilyn Charles (mcharlesphd@gmail.com) before the submission deadline to be included on one of our student roundtables.

Each presenter is required to register an account with conftool, our online submission system.

Registration Waivers

APCS is pleased to announce a low-fee rate for students and also a reduced fee for those earning under \$50,000 in 2020.

We are in need, once again, for volunteers to help to co-chair the panels. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact our Volunteer Committee: María Mirón (maria.miron@udem.edu), Karla Gomez (karla.gomez@udem.edu), and Marilyn Charles (mcharlesphd@gmail.com) to be included in the volunteer group.

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**APCS encourages all participants to reflect on the social importance of their contribution and to articulate that value in their presentation. It is our view that the psychoanalytic investigation of culture and society constitutes a unique and indispensable means of understanding AND intervening in our most serious social problems, and we encourage proposals that work to further this project.**

**We welcome submissions from a broad range of disciplines and psychoanalytic schools of thought. The conference will be of interest to psychoanalytically informed scholars in the social and political sciences, media, cultural and literary studies, and to clinicians and practitioners concerned to explore themes related to the psychic, the social and social justice.**

Please see the website for updates: at <http://www.apcsweb.net/annual-conference/call-for-papers/> or contact Conference Co-Chairs: Marilyn Charles, [mcharlesphd@gmail.com](mailto:mcharlesphd@gmail.com) or Lita Crociani-Windland at [Lita.Crociani-Windland@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:Lita.Crociani-Windland@uwe.ac.uk)