



The second international Summer School brings together an international staff team with up to 80 students with varying levels of training and experience. During four intensive days, staff and students form a school group, which meets in different settings – small groups, lecture and discussion groups, supervision and peer groups and large groups – to develop understanding of the school theme as well as to consider the school’s own development and dynamics. The school is open to those who are relatively new to Group Analysis, as well as others who have more experience but wish to further develop their understanding. The international makeup of the school gives us an opportunity to learn about the impact of different cultures on work with groups. Many of us are aware of the therapeutic possibilities of working in groups. Yet, despite the fundamental influence of groups in our histories, there is often a resistance to recognizing their place in our lives and a reluctance to fully engage with them. Fear of groups is to be found in societies that have become wary of the abuse of group dynamics, whilst many of us have individual experiences that can also give rise to fear of what can happen to us in groups. We will explore some of the obstacles to working with groups, because understanding the difficulties is vital when we are seeking to build creative and therapeutic groups.

The **Group Analytic Society International** is delighted to co-host this event with the **Czech Society for Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy - Group Section**

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