



# SOCIAL UNCONSCIOUS

International Summer Conference of Lithuanian Group Analytic Society

25-26 June, 2021

Lithuanian Group Analytic Society and Vilnius University invites you to meet distinguished group analyst **Earl Hopper (UK)** and colleagues from all over the world in its traditional summer conference. Together we will explore unconscious processes in groups and society during 4 lectures presented by our honorable guest E. Hopper, will share our thoughts and ideas in small discussion groups, and will experience those processes ourselves in the large group, conducted by **Milda Autukaite (Lithuania)** and **Uri Levin (Israel)**.

Conference will take place on-line via Zoom.

Language of the Conference – English; time zone – EET.

## Registration and payment

- You can register here <http://form.jotform.com/210462607919357> until 10 June, 2021.
- Registration fee – 70 euros  
for members of LGAS – 50 euros.  
Registration will be confirmed after the payment.

- Registration fee has to be paid to:

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## PROGRAMME:

### Friday, June 25

- 14.00 – 14.15 Welcome and Introduction
- 14.15 – 15.00 Lecture 1. **E.Hopper**  
**AN INTRODUCTION TO THE THEORY AND CONCEPT OF THE SOCIAL UNCONSCIOUS**
- 15.00 – 15.15 Questions and Answers
- 15.00 – 15.45 Break
- 15.45 – 16.30 Lecture 2. **E.Hopper**  
**SOCIAL UNCONSCIOUS IN CLINICAL WORK**
- 16.30 – 16.45 Questions and Answers
- 16.45 – 17.15 Break
- 17.15 – 18.15 Small Discussion Group
- 18.30 – 20.00 Large Group, conductors **Milda Autukaitė** (Lithuania) – organizational psychologist, leadership and organizational development consultant, **Uri Levin** (Israel) – clinical psychologist, group analyst and organizational consultant.

### Saturday, June 26

- 10.00 – 10.45 Lecture 3. **E.Hopper**  
**TRAUMA AND INCOHESION IN THE UNCONSCIOUS LIFE OF GROUP**
- 10.45 – 11.00 Questions and Answers
- 11.00 – 11.30 Break
- 11.30 – 12.15 Lecture 4. **E.Hopper**  
**SCAPEGOATING PROCESSES IN SOCIETY AND COVID ,SYNDEMIC'**
- 12.15 – 12.30 Questions and Answers
- 12.30 – 13.00 Break
- 13.00 – 14.00 Small Discussion Group
- 14.15 – 15.45 Large Group, conductors **Milda Autukaitė** and **Uri Levin**
- 15.45 – 16.00 Closing Discussion

(Note: time is scheduled according to EET – Eastern European Time).





**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.

## Earl Hopper on the topics of four lectures of this Conference:

“In the first two of this series of lectures I will consider the contemporary concept and theory of the social unconscious in Foulkesian Group Analysis with respect to the sociality of human nature and the matrix of social systems. I will then focus on the concept and theory of the tripartite matrix as the hallmark of Foulkesian Group Analysis as a clinical discipline, and will illustrate this with clinical data.

In the third lecture I will outline my theory of Incohesion:

Aggregation/Massification as the fourth basic assumption in the unconscious life of social systems. In this lecture I will specify some of the socio cultural manifestations of the fear of annihilation within the dimensions of the tripartite matrix.

In the final lecture I will consider fundamentalism and scapegoating as the twin pillars of massification, and offer some speculations about scapegoating that might help us understand more fully the unconscious connections between the Covid pandemic, Black Lives Matter Movement, and even some kinds of terrorism.”

## Reading List

For those who would like to read about the matters covered in these four lectures, either before or after the lectures themselves, please see the following:

### Lectures 1 and 2:

- 1) Hopper, E. (2003a). *The Social Unconscious: Selected Papers*. London: Jessica Kingsley.
- 2) Hopper, E. (2018). “Notes” on the concept of the social unconscious in Group Analysis. *Group*, 42, 2, 99-118.
- 3) Hopper, E. & Weinberg, H. (Eds.) (2011). *The Social Unconscious in Persons, Groups and Societies: Volume 1: Mainly Theory*. London: Karnac.
- 4) Hopper, E. & Weinberg, H. (Eds.) (2016). *The Social Unconscious in Persons, Groups and Societies: Volume 2: Mainly Foundation Matrices*. London: Karnac.
- 5) Hopper, E. & Weinberg, H. (Eds.) (2017). *The Social Unconscious in Persons, Groups and Societies: Volume 3: The Foundation Matrix Extended and Re-configured*. London: Karnac.

### Lectures 3 and 4:

- 1) Hopper, E. (2003b). *Traumatic Experience in the Unconscious Life of Groups*. London: Jessica Kingsley.
- 2) Hopper, E. (2009). The theory of the basic assumption of Incohesion: Aggregation/Massification or (ba) I:A/M *British Journal of Psychotherapy*, 25, 2, 214-229.
- 3) Hopper, E. (Ed.) (2012). *Trauma and Organisations*. London: Karnac.
- 4) Hopper, E. (2014). The theory of Incohesion: Aggregation/Massification as the fourth basic assumption in the unconscious life of groups and group-like social systems. In L. Auestad (Ed.) *Nationalism and the Body Politic: Psychoanalysis and the Rise of Ethnocentrism and Xenophobia*. London: Karnac.
- 5) Hopper, E. (2019). “Notes” on the theory of the fourth basic assumption in the unconscious life of groups and group-like social systems - Incohesion: Aggregation/Massification or (ba) I:A/M. *Group*, 43, 1, 9-17.