

**EFPP 2nd Adult Section Study Day
8 May 2026 | 9:30–12:30 CET | Online**

Uncanny Inheritances: a Study of Transgenerational Trauma



Helen Frankenthaler, 1974

We are pleased to invite you to the Second Adult Section Study Day on May 8th. As usual, the meeting is open to EFPP therapists of the four Sections, delegates and members of EFPP organisations. We also welcome colleagues from outside the EFPP, so please spread the word and invite whoever might be interested.

This year we will have Rony Alfandary (Israeli EFPP Adult Section) as the keynote speaker, Alix Vann-Nicollier (Swiss Child & Adolescent Section) and Effie Lignos (Greek Child & Adolescent Section) as discussants. The floor will then be open for a general plenary discussion.

We kindly invite you to register for the event, which is open to delegates from all four EFPP Sections, non-delegates, colleagues, and students. Please feel free to share this invitation within your networks.

We will focus on the impact of war trauma and intergenerational transmission of Holocaust memory on Israeli society through psychoanalytic and interdisciplinary lenses. Four key concepts: Freud's notion of the return of the repressed, the hermeneutics of language, Dori Laub's reflections on testimony, and Marianne Hirsch's theory of post-memory, are brought together to illuminate the complex entanglements of individual suffering and collective history. A fictional case study of a young Israeli paratrooper illustrates how military trauma interacts with inherited family memories of the Holocaust, producing symptoms that oscillate between dissociation, repetition, and the need for testimony. Psychoanalytic psychotherapy, even when confronted with the apparent futility of words in the face of historical catastrophe, can create a transitional space where trauma may be mourned, witnessed, and partially transformed through creative engagement.

Organisational Committee:

Keren Amouyal, Mane Hakobyan, Rony Alfandary, Ben Lloyd, Gianfranco Buonfiglio

PROGRAM

Date: May 8th, 2026. (Time is in CET)

09.30-09.45	Welcome and Introduction Gianfranco Buonfiglio (<i>EFPP Adult Section Chair</i>)
9.45-10.30	Keynote Speaker Rony Alfandary (<i>Israel, EFPP Adult Section</i>) "Uncanny Inheritances: a Study of Transgenerational Trauma"
10.30-10.45	First Discussant Alix Vann-Nicollier (<i>Switzerland, EFPP Child & Adolescent Section</i>)
10.45-11.00	Second Discussant Effie Lignos (<i>Greece, EFPP Child & Adolescent Section</i>)
11.15-11.30	Break
11.30-12.30	Discussion in Plenum Keren Amouyal (<i>Adult Section EFPP Board Representative</i>)
12.30-	Closing Words María Eugenia Cid Rodriguez (<i>EFPP President</i>)

Registration

Registration Fee: €40

We are pleased to invite you to the **Second Adult Section Study Day**, an open event not limited to EFPP delegates. Please feel free to share this invitation with colleagues and students within your networks who may be interested.

- All Participants, including current EFPP delegates from the Group, Couple & Family, and Child & Adolescent Section, as well as non-EFPP delegates, please register and complete your payment (€40 participation fee) using the following link:
Register Here: <https://efpp.org/efpp-adultsectionstudyday-08-05-2026-263420/>
- Registration for EFPP Adult Section Delegates: Please note that the registration link above is not for current EFPP Adult Section delegates. All Adult Section delegates will receive a separate dedicated link via email to register for the Study Day. The fee is **0 euros**, as Adult Section delegates are the organisers of the event.

Once you complete your registration and payment, you will receive the **Zoom login details approximately one week before the event**.

If you have any questions or encounter any issues, please contact:

- **Administrative Secretary:** Anne Sauer – annesauerefpp@gmail.com
- **Financial Officer:** Janaki Hemaratne – janaki@efpp.org

We look forward to welcoming you to the event!

**Kind regards,
On behalf of the EFPP Adult Section**