

The background of the entire image is a grayscale photograph of a city in ruins. In the foreground, there is a large, cracked concrete wall. Behind it, a city skyline is visible through a thick layer of white smoke or dust. The sky is overcast and grey. The overall mood is somber and chaotic.

Family Therapy Academy Presents

WAR AND FORCED MIGRATIONS

LOSSES AND FAMILY TRANSFORMATIONS

64TH CONFERENCE IN ITALIAN LANGUAGE

July 4th & 5th 2025

Seraphicum Auditorium, Rome



OBJECTIVES

The recent Assisi conference followed by the Assisi Manifesto and the international resonance in the scientific world have underlined that the mission of family psychotherapists is not limited to clinical work in the therapy room, but includes a social and community dimension in the healing process.

On these premises, it was born the need to organize a study congress on the theme both dramatic and current of entire families and populations such as the Palestinians and the Ukrainians, forced to face the devastation and the losses in the hands of inhuman wars and the consequences of massive forced migrations.

Wars, forced migrations and natural calamities afflict the planet in the 21st century due to growing sovereigntist ideologies and oppressions linked to race, gender, and religion. These are dramatic challenges that involve the whole world and require brave choices and denunciation and social commitment.

This meeting is a special occasion to listen to the courageous testimonies of psychiatrists, psychologists, and social workers who work in the trances in different parts of the world with families and communities devastated by wars.

Through the images and the words of our speakers, we will hear stories of family resilience in enduring the most dramatic events of human existence and we will understand at the same time the fundamental need to be recognized and respected in their values and in their human dignity.

The documentary/film “Wrong side of the bus” represents the thread of this convention. It tells the story of a South African professor of psychiatry who emigrated to Australia, returns to Cape Town determined to resolve his sense of guilt and shame for having colluded with apartheid for forty years and for being ashamed to “sit with the blacks on the wrong side of the bus”.

The purpose of this conference is to help us reflecting now on how it is easy to remain silent, to accept social injustice and racism, and to come to terms with our own conscience so as not to run the risk of ‘sitting on the wrong side of the bus’.

SPEAKERS

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Clinical psychologist, trainer FTA, Head of Silvano Andolfi Foundation
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VINCENZO DI NICOLA

Child psychiatrist, family psychotherapist and philosopher,
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Psychologist Specialized in Social Psychiatry, Scientific Director of
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Clinical psychologist, psychotherapist and cultural mediator,
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Anthropologist, sexologist. Chair of the Board of Advisors Family
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SPECIAL GUEST

JETSUN PEMA

Mother of Tibet and sister of the Dalai Lama

POSTER SESSION

Given the relevance of the topic and the presence
of teams working in various parts of Italy with
migrant and refugee families from countries of
war, we thought to organize a Poster Section that
would give space and visibility to therapeutic and
psychosocial projects and interventions in the
field. To send your proposals please contact
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