

## SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

***From negative mirroring to tradition, creativity and innovation:***

***Group as Pharmakós***

**26-30 August 2026, Athens, Greece**

The 19th Symposium of the Group Analytic Society International will be hosted in Athens (Greece) in collaboration with the Institute of Group Analysis Athens (IGAA).

This Symposium invites you to explore tradition, creativity, and innovation in group analytic theory, method and application. A new transformative ground will be developed in a city so ancient and modern at the same time.

The theme of the Symposium is related to the myth of Pharmakós that reminds us to consider the contradictions, paradoxes and inherent duality that humankind is facing during this difficult time. The myth of Pharmakós is a challenge to transcend scapegoating thinking about how the community hold and contain paradox.

### **Pre-Symposium Experiential Community**

The Institute of Group Analysis Athens is organizing a Pre-Symposium Experiential Community to be held from Sunday August 23<sup>rd</sup> to Tuesday August 25<sup>th</sup> 2026. The location will be the Institute of Group Analysis Athens (IGAA) – Open Psychotherapy Centre (OPC) (address: 1 Sotiriou Charalampi & Mavromichali).

No registration fees are required but only a little contribution in order to cover coffee/tea breaks, lunch and dinner expences each day.

Please, note that there is a maximum number of participants (see the attached files).

See you in Athens

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