



17th European Regional Meeting
International Society for Psychoanalytic Studies of Organizations
“Between Neutrality and Engagement “
Geneva, March 15-17, 2019

Geneva, March 4, 2019

Dear Participants,

Thank you very much for registering with the 17th European Regional Meeting of the International Society for Psychoanalytic Studies of Organizations (ERM 2019).

We are honored and delighted you have decided to travel to the crossroads of neutrality, engagement and psychoanalysis. And, that you will be joining us on this three-day journey, exploring how psychodynamics can help us understand and experience what is happening under the surface, as the paradox of neutrality and engagement is negotiated at the societal, organizational and individual level.

How do we balance out this apparent dichotomy as analysts, organizational consultants, diplomats or managers? Can it be integrated into a oneness of experience? What is “good enough” neutrality or engagement? Is there a “potential space” or a third position from which we can develop a greater capacity to integrate the two concepts?

These name but a few of the many paradox’s you may find worthwhile exploring. And, to enable us to incorporate your ideas into our dialog with invited speakers as well as the conference at large, we would be grateful if you could share a few with us ahead of our deliberations. To this end, please email your reflections and thoughts to erm2019@ispsso.org.

ERM 2019 will include, a visit to the site of daily diplomatic navigations between neutrality and engagement, a dialog with senior leaders of the UN, ICRC and IFRC, an interactive panel exploring neutrality and engagement through the psychoanalytic lens, small group reflections, experiential workshops, Balint groups and, large forum discussions.

Our hope is that combining these various methods of exploration, our event will generate both insights and visceral experience, and offer learning that can be taken back to your professional practices and personal lives.



To fully experience and enjoy the event, please visit:

- <https://erm2019.ispso.org/programme/> to find information on the latest updates to our programme and new experiential workshops and their hosts, and
- https://erm2019.ispso.org/logistics_and_attractions/ to find information on the logistics of getting from and returning to the Airport and on attractions you may choose to enjoy please visit, and
- https://form.jotform.com/ispso_99/erm2019_Preferences to register your interest in small groups, experiential workshops, social functions and inform us about your flight details, and
- <https://reg.unog.ch/event/28182/registration/> to submit a request for the UN security clearance, necessary to participate in the tour of Palais de Nations and a dialog with Nadia Isler (please refer to the **“Important information about the visit at the UN”** at the end this letter for further details).

Please register your preferences for small groups, experiential workshops and social functions as well as provide flight details and submit your request to the UN latest by March **10, 2019**.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our invited guests, workshop leaders, advisors and Ross Hazeldine, our webmaster, for their support in making this event possible.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at erm2019@ispso.org in case of any questions or requests you may have, which would allow you to enjoy this ERM to fullest.

Again, thank you for joining us and we wish you a safe journey to Geneva. We look forward to seeing you at Chateau Bossey.

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Important information on the UN visit
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We have arranged for a tour of Palais de Nations. The UN tour will include a visit to the Human Rights Room, the Swiss Room and a dialog with Nadia Isler in Room IX, where you will experience a space in which diplomats navigate between neutrality and engagement.

Due to the UN security requirements, **all visitors must obtain security clearance**, which can be done via the link <https://reg.unog.ch/event/28182/registration/>.

Once the registration page opens, please click ‘register now’ on the right side of the page. This will take you to a page where you can create an account by providing an email address and a password of your choosing.

Once you have logged in, please provide your data as requested and attach your photograph. In the “Institution” box you may choose to provide the organization you are currently working for or, ISPSO. Further down, please provide your residential address and email address. In “Representation” section, please select “Other” and ISPSO as an organization. Choose ‘Guest’ under the Badge Type section.

In the next section, you do not need scan your passport, but note that the UN may reach out to you with that request, via email, at a later point.

Lastly, please select at the bottom of the questionnaire 15 Mar - 18:00 (Room IX) - SDG Lab Briefing and click to register. Shortly after, you should receive an email from UNOG, confirming your submission and informing that your request is pending. Please kindly forward this email to erm2019@ispsso.org.

Please note, you must bring with you to the UN, the passport or national ID you used to register.

Please contact Thea Mikkelsen or Sebastien Baert at erm2019@ispsso.org in case of any questions you might have.