

invitation to Mental Health Professionals

## Shared Realities: Participation Mystique and Beyond

With Mark Winborn

Saturday 27 July 2024 9.00am - 12.00pm AEST Zoom



Participation Mystique, Susan Bostrom-Wong

In this presentation, Carl Jung's concept of *participation mystique* is used as a starting point for an in-depth exploration of 'shared realities' in the analytic setting and beyond. The concept of shared realities will be explored through clinical, experiential, and theoretical perspectives as well as related concepts such as projective identification, negative *conjunction*, reverie, intersubjectivity, the interactive field, phenomenology, neuroscience, the transferential chimera, shamanism, shared reality of place, borderland consciousness, and mystical participation.

In Analytical Psychology, participation mystique has often been written or spoken about in a pejorative manner, as though it is something to be avoided or minimized. A review of the literature of associated with participation mystique allows us to recognize that the projective and identificatory tendencies which are at the heart of participation mystique can sometimes be acknowledged or recognized, and in some instances even reduced. However, these processes are always a part of our intersubjective interaction and communication in all facets of our lives, but particularly in analysis. The degree of influence from participation mystique is distributed as a continuum of experience and is ever present in our interactions with others and our environments. These influences will likely never be eliminated, nor would it be desirable to eliminate them if we could. In fact, to blindly attempt to restrict participation mystique experience is to reduce the depth to which we are able to connect with others and our surroundings, or to reduce the available 'field knowledge' in the analytic setting.

The intent of this presentation is to provide a new look at *participation mystique* – ultimately painting a picture of *participation mystique* as a broader umbrella term for a wide variety of intersubjective phenomenon.

## **Recommended Reading:**

Winborn, Mark (Ed.) (2014). Shared Realities: Participation Mystique and Beyond. Fisher King Press.

## **PRESENTER**



Mark Winborn, PhD, NCPsyA is a Jungian psychoanalyst and clinical psychologist. He received his BS in Psychology from Michigan State University in 1982, his MS and PhD in Clinical Psychology from the University of Memphis in 1987, and his certificate in Jungian Analysis from the Inter-Regional Society of Jungian Analysts in 1999. From 1988 – 1990 he was the staff psychologist at the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York. He is a training analyst with the Inter-Regional Society of Jungian Analysts and the C.G. Jung Institute - Küsnacht. He is also on the

adjunct faculty of the Russian Society for Analytical Psychology, the Moscow Association for Analytical Psychology, and the Romanian Society for Analytical Psychology. His primary areas of interest are analytic technique and the integration of psychoanalytic theories.

He has published or edited five books: *Deep Blues: Human Soundscapes for the Archetypal Journey, Shared Realities: Participation Mystique and Beyond, Interpretation in Jungian Analysis: Art and Technique, Beyond Persona: On Individuation and Beginnings with Jungian Analysts* (with Lavinia Țânculescu-Popa), and *Jungian Psychoanalysis: A Contemporary Introduction* (part of the Routledge series - *Introductions to Contemporary Psychoanalysis*), as well as numerous articles and book chapters. His work has also been published in Russian, German, French, Portuguese, and Romanian. He received the Gradiva prize from the National Association for the Advancement of Psychoanalysis for the best article published in 2022 and was a finalist in 2014 for the best edited book in psychoanalysis. Additionally, He has presented papers at the past five Congresses of the International Association for Analytical Psychology (2010, 2013, 2016, 2019, 2022). He lectures widely both in the USA and internationally.

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