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“Working the Notion.”

Alchemists at work. *Mutus Liber* (1702). Jung, CW 12.

ISPDI Newsletter
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Greetings to ISPDI members, friends, and colleagues.

We hope that Spring finds you well and thriving. Spring traditionally brings “rising sap” (resources and energy) that we can bring to thought and reflection, and the unfolding of the latent logic of the seed.

We are looking forward to our main event this coming August 1-2, the Symposium “Working the Notion.” We are pleased to have brought together a fine and diverse roster of presenters, including several members of our Executive Committee. (We will list presenters and their titles later). Registration is open on our website at www.ispdi.org. **If you register by May 31, you can take advantage of our “early bird” prices!**

Thanks to Peter White’s ongoing efforts, we have continued to add new resources to our website. We now have added access to the 2025 Symposium videos.

Our roster of Featured Publications includes a new title from Wolfgang Giegerich: *The Airtight Construction of a Neurosis, the Logic of Modernity, and the Mother of Psychology: On Marco Heleno Barreto’s analysis of Giegerich’s psychology as the discipline of interiority*. This continues an ongoing debate about the assertion that metaphysics has ended in modernity, the relationship between PDI and metaphysics, and perhaps most important, the logical constitution of psychology itself.

Other activities that you may want to catch up with include Topos and Open Inquiry. Topos videos are available on our website under Video/Audio, and now include the March presentations by John Hoedl, Michael Whan, and Tsuyoshi Inomata.

Open Inquiry continues with vol. 7 of Giegerich’s collected papers, *How to Think Psychologically: With Jung Beyond Jung*. We will note that participation has dropped somewhat recently. We have changed the format recently to focus on those questions that have engaged you most as readers. Why not give it a try?

If you haven’t read it recently, the “Letter from our Co-Presidents” on the home page provides an updated overview of the ISPDI and what it offers, as well as suggesting a variety of publications and other resources.

With best wishes from the Executive Committee.

“Working the Notion” Presenters and Titles

The following presenters have been confirmed for our August symposium. (Note that titles may be tentative and subject to change).

Nicholas Balaisis

"AI and the Fate of Psychological Discourse."

Artur Lucman Braga

"Goethean Morphology and the Betrayal of Jung's Truth: *Urtier, Urpflanze, and Urphänomen* as Contributions to a Psychology of Interiority."

Michael Caplan

“Nothing is (Currently) Sacred.”

Jonathan Garb

“The Labor of Thought and the historical emergence of the I.”

John Hoedl

“Technology, the Antichrist, and Reworking the Notion of the Divine”

Jun Kitayama

“The End of the Community and the Birth of the Subject-less Individual: From the Perspective of Modern Japanese Funeral Rites”

Philip Kime

“Psychological Structure”

Chai Skyler Malin

“The Age of the Spirit.”

Pamela Moskie

“Logical Love and the Violent Soul”

Pamela Power

“Is Soul Good?”

Meri Smbatayan

“Thinking the Psychological Earth as arrival on it at long last.”

Peter White

“From There to Here: The Historical Arc of the Courtly Love Tradition.”

New from Wolfgang Giegerich

The Airtight Construction of a Neurosis, the Logic of Modernity, and the Mother of Psychology: On Marco Heleno Barreto's analysis of Giegerich's psychology as the discipline of interiority

[From the description on the back]

In his 2021 book, *Psychology and Metaphysics*, Marco Heleno Barreto boldly claims Wolfgang Giegerich's conception of psychology as the discipline of interiority to be structurally neurotic. This diagnosis results from the fact that Barreto's work is driven by a supreme personal interest: to transform this psychology into a "metaphysical psychology". This lofty purpose and the corresponding standpoint force him to view the psychology he critiques, not from within itself, but from high above and outside, so that his (in themselves intelligent) arguments in support of his diagnosis miss their target. A close analysis of his major arguments nevertheless provides the opportunity to strike sparks from them.

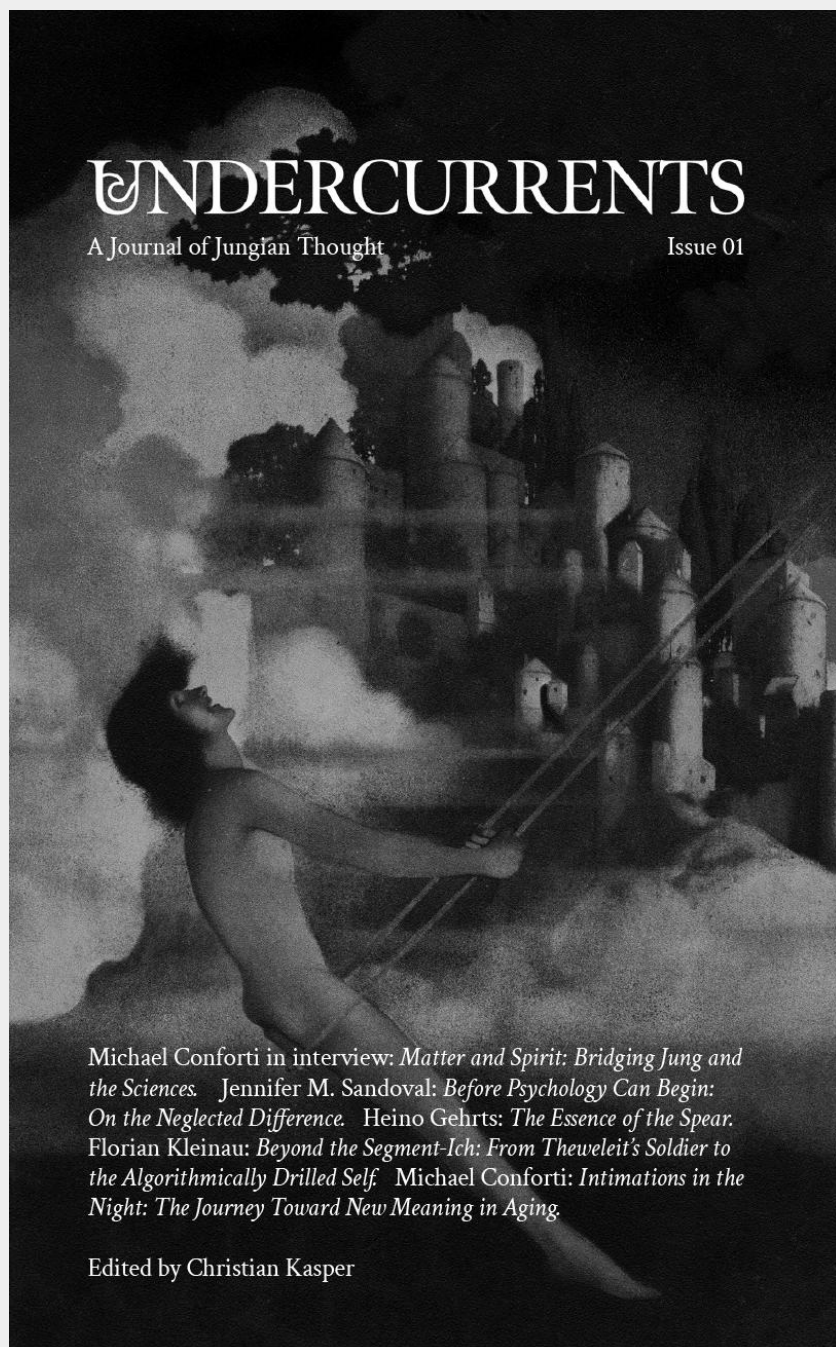
And yet, a mere critique of the critique is only a negative response to his challenge. Therefore, this book proceeds to the task of also providing a positive answer to his thesis by leaving Barreto's statements completely aside and presenting a novel attempt of its own to derive, and step by step unfold, the inner logic of psychology from its historical origin and source that Jung had discovered, namely, the loss of religion and metaphysics in modernity.

The careful development of the implications and ramifications of this loss and the interiorization of this loss into itself reveal the latter as an historical, epochal cut, as unbridgeable dissociation (the nuclear fission of the present), and as sheer negativity. As such it is the ruling spirit of modernity, its innovative restlessness, and at the same time the Mother of psychology. As "daughter", so we could say, psychology inherited its "DNA" from this Mother. In its logical constitution it is permeated by this loss as absolute negativity.

This new publication is available from Dust Owl Books via Amazon. For more titles go to www.duskowlbooks.com/

A New Jungian Journal

Christian Kasper, the editor of a new Jungian journal kindly sent us a copy of the inaugural issue. Judging from the table of contents below, there should be material of interest to our members. Notably, it includes an article by Executive Committee member Jennifer Sandoval titled *Before Psychology Can Begin: On the Neglected Difference*.



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Ongoing Events

Topos



[The Stoa, or porch, where ancient Athenians often gathered to discuss philosophy.

[https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Massimo_Pigliucci-Stoa_of_Attalos.jpg]

Our most recent Topos was actually a trio of presentations in March by Michael Whan, Tsuyoshi Inomata, and John Hoedl. The videos for this and previous Topos presentations are available to members on our website on our Video/Audio menu.



Topos panel presentation

March 29, 2026 at 3pm EDT

Once More Into the Night: Reflections on the 'Un' in 'The Unconscious'

"Not-Knowing as a Moment in the Dialectic of Dream Interpretation"

Michael Whan

"On the Nothingness of the Unconscious"

Tsuyoshi Inomata

*"The Soul through Myth and Metaphysics to 'The Unconscious'
...and Beyond"*

John Hoedl

Topos presentations are free for ISPDI members and there is no need to register.

Open Inquiry

Open Inquiry continues our reading of Giegerich's *How to Think Psychologically, With Jung Beyond Jung* (Volume 7, CEP). The next meeting will be on May 17, pp 50 – 57.

Please note: The Zoom link and information for the Open Inquiry can be found on the ISPDI website. After signing in to the website: ispdi.org click on the box Labeled “Open Inquiry” on the home page.