

#WithUkrainianJungians

Walking alongside all colleagues caught up in war and facing erasure

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In response to the war between Israel and Palestine and the ongoing war in Ukraine.

“Speaking to the Unspeakable.”

Reflections on Jung's work and on The Red Book and The Black Books

With an address by **Misser Berg**, President of the IAAP

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Welcome

Dear Colleagues,

When Russia attempted its full-scale invasion of Ukraine on **24 February 2022** we watched horrified. Could this be happening in Europe, in our times, in full view?

In May 2022 an international group of analysts organised an event in solidarity with our Ukrainian colleagues. Prominent analysts from around the world lent their support. As part of this event **Ann Ulanov** gave a seminal paper drawing on Jung's Red Book: ***Making the Unsayable Experiential***. The paper made a powerful impact, such that nine international reading groups were formed to study it in more depth. These groups met in spite of sustained cruise missile attacks at the time - sometimes with members joining by candle-light, in basements and wrapped in blankets.

Ann's paper is as relevant today as it was then. You may watch her presentation **HERE**.

We are now in the midst of a series of webinars open to all who wish to show support and solidarity to our Ukrainian colleagues. Prominent Jungians present alongside Ukrainian analysts. These have been extraordinarily enriching. This webinar is the eleventh in the series.

Since the original event in May 2022, Ukraine has suffered the most evil atrocities - slaughter, rape, torture, executions, maiming, abductions (estimated 19,000 children) and the large scale destruction of homes, medical centres, infrastructure, cultural places, supermarkets and restaurants, as well as ecocide. Over half a million people have been killed or injured in the fighting to date. The UN estimates over 11 million Ukrainians are displaced. Over 80,000 war crimes are being investigated.

The scale of suffering is truly horrific.

Recently, on **October 7th** we were once again horrified. The attack on Israeli civilians by Hamas was an atrocity that shook the world. Some 1,200 were brutally massacred and around 240 hostages were seized.

In response, Israel unleashed a most horrific indiscriminate siege and bombing of Gaza. Over 10,000 civilians have been killed, more than 4,500 of them children. Conditions in Gaza have been described as "hell on earth".

Killings of Palestinians by Settlers in the West Bank have increased, as they illegally seize and destroy the homes of Palestinians. Over 1.5 million Palestinians have been displaced. Nowhere is safe. Israel, too, stands accused by the UN of war crimes. Its actions may yet amount to genocide.

Around the world people are now grappling with the circumstances that have led to this slaughter - the illegal 16 year blockade of Gaza, the oppression of the Palestinians, the attacks by Settlers, the Holocaust, the Nakba, the attacks on Israel, the Balfour Declaration. In truth, the roots go further back yet.

We are also having to consider our part in it (as we do with Ukraine, when the international community did not stand up to Russia's invasion in 2014) - our failure to speak up sufficiently strongly at human rights violations and breaches of international law. History tells us there cannot be peace without justice.

We acknowledge the very difficult situation of colleagues, wherever they are, who do not agree with some of the actions being taken in their name by their governments.

In her paper Ann Ulanov drew our attention to the the archetypal dynamic of erasure, a dynamic acted out in war- both the fear of erasure and the desire to erase. In both wars evil is run amok.

In response to the situation in the Middle East and the ongoing war in Ukraine, we have invited **Ann Ulanov** to present a sequel to her first paper, drawing once again on Jung's Red Book and Black Books.

In this webinar we will gather to support our colleagues affected by either war - with compassion and empathy for their suffering, to support them in their fear and terror, with concern for their future, with respect for their courage and resilience, and in admiration for the humanitarian work they are doing in the most challenging of personal and collective circumstances.

As always, we hope that the mutual support offered in the webinars will enable us all to undertake the difficult psychological work that these events demand of us. May we be part of the solution, not part of the problem.

During the webinar we will have our customary one-minute silence. We will remember those who have suffered or died in both wars. Our experience is that this is particularly meaningful for those affected.

If you are in any way caught up in war at present, we invite you to come and join us, so that we can offer you our support at this indescribably difficult time. You will be able to read about our efforts to ensure a safe space for you on page **3** of this flyer.

If you are not directly caught up in the wars, please come and support our colleagues. We do not have to be bystanders - we can make a difference.

Finally, the #WUJ webinars are intended to be of benefit to us all. We hope this webinar will be a helpful space for everyone. We look forward to welcoming you.

Warmly,
Catherine Cox

Creating a safe space

#WUJ aims to be as welcoming and inclusive as possible. Our purpose is to stand in solidarity with our colleagues in Ukraine and to provide support in the face of ongoing attacks and atrocities committed by Russia.

Now war has broken out between Israel and Palestine with war crimes being committed on both sides. We are concerned for all colleagues affected by war.

Some participants at the webinar will have children and spouses fighting at the front; many have lost close family and friends. Atrocities cause profound rage and suffering throughout the community afflicted. Such is the horror of what is taking place, it is difficult to hold in mind, and almost beyond what we as humans can bear.

Providing a safe space for all participants, especially those who are suffering the most, when nations are at war with each other, sometimes means not having to share the space with others from that opposing warring nation, even when they are colleagues.

Of course, we look to the day when we can all work together on this immensely difficult material, when honest conversations can be had and painful wounds healed.

For now, to ensure safety for all, we are putting in place the following measures so that we can create a safe space for all participants at this webinar.

- **There will be no speakers representing any one side of any conflict.**
- **We will not have a Q & A session or enable the chat function.**
- **Speakers will be spotlit. Please select speaker view on your Zoom screen, rather than the view gallery option, if you do not wish to see other participants.**

We hope to offer you all a warm, caring and compassionate welcome, a time of respite, support and nourishment.

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Ann Belford Ulanov, M.Div, Ph.D., L.H.D. is an American academic and an internationally known and practicing Jungian analyst in New York City. She is Professor Emerita of Psychology and Religion at Union Theological Seminary and widely acclaimed lecturer in the USA and abroad.

Ann is the author of over 20 books including: *Religion and the Unconscious*, *Wisdom of Psyche*, *Healing Imagination*, *Finding Space*. Throughout her work the dialogue appears between spirituality/theology/religion, depth psychology, and the distinctive voice of the feminine.

She has received several honorary doctorate degrees and the Sapiientia et Doctrina and Oskar Pfister Awards.

She has been an active member of IAAP, Jungian Psychoanalytic Association, and American Association of Pastoral Counselors.

In May 2022 Ann presented a deeply impactful and remarkably moving paper at a gathering of the international Jungian community in support of our Ukrainian colleagues following the attempted full-scale invasion by Russia. The paper, entitled ***Making the Unsayable Experiential: Ukraine and Jung's Red and Black Books*** set the future direction and tone for grappling with issues arising from war trauma, grief and loss.

View Ann's May 2022 Webinar [HERE](#)

Misser Berg



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Slideshow on the theme of WINTER SOLSTICE

This #WUJ Webinar will be preceded by a slideshow on the theme of the WINTER SOLSTICE.

Many ancient traditions, from the Aztecs to the Druids, gathered to celebrate the symbolic death and rebirth of the sun or of a sun god.

Solstice (sol stice) means 'stand still' as the Sun appears to rise and set in the same place for a few days. It is the time of the longest night and the shortest day, a time of extremes when we are invited to look at the balance in our own lives.

At this time there appears to be no movement, everything has gone underground, into the overpowering darkness until very faintly the first light of the returning Sun appears to begin its long journey to the extreme of light over dark at the Summer Solstice. A new cycle of life has begun.

At the Winter Solstice plans are made and seeds start to be planted for what we wish to bring into our lives and we leave behind all that no longer serves us.

You are warmly invited to send us one image on this theme as a .png or .jpg to: josephcox296@gmail.com to include in the slideshow.

Please send by the deadline: **December 1st**

Please make sure all images that are not your own are sourced from a copyright-free site. We will do our best to include everyone's submissions, but that may not be possible.

**N.B. Images are always welcome at the ARAS Image Project:
<https://aras.org/wuj>**

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Ann Ulanov

Recordings

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The webinars are always available in **English** and **Ukrainian**.

Some webinars are available in other languages, including **Chinese, German, French, Italian, Spanish & Portuguese**.

We are grateful to **ARAS** for hosting the recordings, enabling colleagues in other time zones to participate and providing a resource for the Jungian community and general public.

As well as providing support to all those colleagues in fear of erasure, the webinars are intended to raise funds for those colleagues in Ukraine who are suffering severe financial hardship. Whether you attend live or join us via a recording, please do consider donating a gift to our Ukrainian colleagues.

Would one hour's fees be possible?

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To watch the slideshows, please click: [HERE](#)





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