



AN OPUS SCIENTIFIC MEETING

Reflections on the global instability. Between Exaggeration and Denial

Thursday 28 January 2016, 18.30 - 20.30
(Registration and coffee from 18.15)

**Woburn Room, Senate House, University of London, Malet Street,
London WC1E 7HU**

The broad theme of this public meeting is how we as reflective citizens try to make sense of recent events in Paris and elsewhere and the global instability stemming from violence at home and abroad. We very much hope that this meeting will provide an opportunity for all participants to engage with a current and complex issue affecting our lives.

This meeting is meant to be an open forum for participants to share thoughts, feelings and to raise questions. To keep with the participatory nature of the event, our speakers will provide some reflections to set the scene rather than formal presentations.

Tim Dartington will explore the theme by considering defensive reactions and their associated states of mind, when we exaggerate or enhance a threat, a terrorist attack for example becoming a major international crisis, or deny or discount a threat, as has happened over the years with climate change.

Tim Dartington is a group and organizational consultant and social researcher working on issues of vulnerability and societal dynamics.

Richard Morgan-jones will reflect on three inter-connected levels in seeking understanding of the secondary traumatising of violence in a capital city, Paris: 1) The emotional level and particularly the psychological and physical responses to trauma 2) The systems dynamic perspective of violent projective systems; 3) Political and economic responses that seek to contain but may well exaggerate the toxicity of the situation.

Richard Morgan-Jones is a psychoanalytic psychotherapist and organisational consultant with experience in group relations and Listening Posts. His approach is described in "The Body of the Organisation and its Health"(Karnac). He is an elected board member of ISPSO with respond suability for regional events.

Chair: Anna Reali, OPUS

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