

## Registration

Please register at:

[www.egatin.net/study-days/next-study-days](http://www.egatin.net/study-days/next-study-days)

You will receive confirmation of registration and invoice after receipt of payment. For further questions, e-mail to [study-days@egatin.net](mailto:study-days@egatin.net)

## Fee

| Category                         | early fee            | late fee           |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
|                                  | ends on January 31st | after February 1st |
| EU, Norway, Switzerland, UK      | 295 €                | 335 €              |
| Non-EU, outside Europe, students | 240 €                | 275 €              |
| Online                           | 55 €                 | 65 €               |
| Solidarity fee                   | 380 €                |                    |

**Fees** (except category online) **include** full program, all meals and gala dinner on Saturday evening. Online includes streaming of opening, presentations, EGATIN policy meeting, and EGATIN annual general meeting (voting possibility not settled).

**Cancellation** before February 1st: -15%; before March 1st: -50%; after March 1st: No return of fee.

## Bursaries

Members and students of member institutes of EGATIN can apply for a bursary towards registration fee and a contribution to travel costs. Deadline for applications is February 1st, 2025. More details and application form can be found at

[www.egatin.net](http://www.egatin.net)

## Venues

### bUm

**betterplace Umspannwerk GmbH**  
Paul-Linke-Ufer 21 | 10999 Berlin-Kreuzberg  
[www.bum.berlin](http://www.bum.berlin)

### BIG

**Berliner Institut für Gruppenanalyse / Institute of Group Analysis Berlin**  
Rudolfstraße 14 | 10245 Berlin-Friedrichshain  
[www.gruppenanalyse-berlin.de](http://www.gruppenanalyse-berlin.de)

## Accommodation

### Hotels

We have organized special prices and/or contingents for some hotels (marked with \*) close to the venue (open until December 31st, 2024; password »EGATIN 2025«).

**A & B Apartment & Boardinghouse Berlin (€€)\***  
[www.wohnenaufzeit-berlin.com](http://www.wohnenaufzeit-berlin.com)

**Hotel Prens (€€)\***  
[www.hotel-prens.com](http://www.hotel-prens.com)

**Hüttenpalast (€)\***  
[www.huettenpalast.de](http://www.huettenpalast.de)

**Minimal Hostel (€) \***  
[www.minimalhostel.com](http://www.minimalhostel.com)

**Motel One Berlin-Mitte (€€)**  
[www.motel-one.com/de/hotels/berlin/hotel-berlin-mitte](http://www.motel-one.com/de/hotels/berlin/hotel-berlin-mitte)

### Free private accommodation

We try to connect people interested in a free private accommodation with hosts from the group-analytic community in Berlin. Follow the link if you are looking for a room or you live in Berlin and can offer an accommodation: [www.tinyurl.com/egatin2025](http://www.tinyurl.com/egatin2025)

**EGATIN Committee:** Anneli Bittner, Taras Levin, Eglè Paužienė, Mirjana Pernar, Linde Wotton

**Local Organising Committee:** Yvonne Blieske, Phillip Denzin, Frauke Glöckner, Yasemin Müller, Thomas Munder, Flora Petak, Susanne Raetzer, Tamir Shneider, Katrin Stumptner, Magdalena Zawilska



# EGATIN Study Days

April 25 – 27, 2025  
in Berlin

Working with polarization  
in our groups and in  
group-analytic training



**Berliner  
Institut für  
Gruppenanalyse**



# Introducing

**At the EGATIN Study Days in Berlin, we are looking for the roots of dialogue in group analytic processes. With you, we want to explore the potentials and the risks of both cohesion and difference. Against the background of current, escalating social developments and in continuation of the EGATIN Study Days 2024 in Aarhus, we are placing »Working with polarization« at the center of this year's conference.**

Polarization is an inherent part of group analytical processes in any context. Translating this dynamic into something meaningful is a central task of group analysts. Currently, divisive tendencies are increasing in our social environments as well as in our groups and in group analytic training. They appear coarser and more insurmountable in their expression. Tolerating differences is becoming more difficult. Spaces in between, in which plurality and heterogeneity can be endured, discovered and shared, are decreasing or being attacked.

In the presentations, group analytical colleagues will talk about their struggles and experiences with polarizing group processes. The speakers will contribute reflections from different institutional and social contexts. In the discussion groups, all participants are invited to delve deeper into the topics and to think further together. The large groups will open up the space to express collective experiences and to find words for what becomes perceptible and comprehensible with-in the space of the dynamic process.

We wish all of us to find the courage to be different, without which it is impossible to encounter one another.

## Friday, April 25

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| 09.00–10.20 | <b>Business meeting</b> (EGATIN committee only)   |
| 10.30–12.00 | <b>Delegates sensitivity meetin</b> (delegates only)  |
| 12.00–13.00 | <b>Registration</b>   |
| 13.00–13.30 | <b>Opening</b><br><b>Beate Cohrs</b> (Chair BIG, Berlin) &<br><b>Eglė Paužienė</b> (Chair of EGATIN) &<br><b>Katrin Stumptner</b> (Chair of LOC BIG, Berlin)  |
| 13.30–15.00 | <b>Session 1</b><br>Chair: <b>Frauke Glöckner</b> (BIG, Berlin)<br><b>Hanna Reinhardt-Bork</b> (BIG, Berlin)<br>»Groups create enemies:<br>A side-effect of cohesive groups«<br><b>Maja Brkić</b> (AGA Bosnia and Herzegovina)<br>»Gender identity through the lens of<br>group analysis« |
| 15.00–15.30 | <b>Coffee break</b>   |
| 15.30–17.00 | <b>Small discussion groups</b>  |
| 17.00–17.15 | <b>Break</b>  |
| 17.15–18.45 | <b>Large group</b><br>Conductors: <b>Anneli Bittner</b> (SGAZ, Zurich) &<br><b>Stephan Alder</b> (BIG, Berlin)  |
| 19.00       | <b>Welcome reception</b>  |

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Sessions in blue print are available to online participants  
All Sunday sessions take place at BIG, Berlin

## Saturday, April 26

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|-------------|---|
| 08.00–09.00 | <b>Meeting of EGATIN committee</b> with trainees  |
| 09.00–10.30 | <b>Session 2: Trainees' presentations</b><br>Chair: <b>Phillip Denzin</b> (BIG, Berlin)<br><b>Mirela Bregu</b> (GA Albania)<br>»Balancing my groups and my polarities<br>while trying to become a therapist«<br><b>Susanne Raetzer</b> (BIG, Berlin)<br>»About desire for sameness and fear of<br>standing out«       |
| 10.30–11.00 | <b>Coffee break</b>   |
| 11.00–12.30 | <b>Large group</b>  |
| 12.30–14.00 | <b>Lunch</b>  |
| 14.00–15.30 | <b>Session 3</b><br>Chair: <b>Thomas Munder</b> (BIG, Berlin)<br><b>Ido Peleg</b> (IGA Israel)<br>»Working with polarities in a psychiatric<br>hospital: Hopes and boundaries«<br><b>Kathrin Albert</b> (BIG, Berlin)<br>»The choir and the conductor in the here and<br>now: Dealing with dissonance and resentment« |
| 15.30–15.45 | <b>Break</b>  |
| 15.45–17.15 | <b>Small discussion groups</b>  |
| 17.15–17.30 | <b>Break</b>  |
| 17.30–19.00 | <b>Large group</b>  |
| 19.00–19.30 | <b>Break</b>  |
| 19.30–20.00 | <b>Aperitif</b>   |
| 20.00       | <b>Gala dinner</b>  |

## Sunday, April 27

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| 09.00–10.00 | <b>Delegates sensitivity meeting</b> (delegates only)       |
| 10.05–11.00 | <b>EGATIN policy meeting</b> (observers welcome)            |
| 11.00–11.30 | <b>Coffee break</b>   |
| 11.30–13.30 | <b>EGATIN annual general meeting</b><br>(observers welcome) |