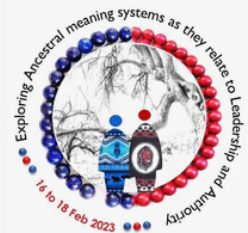




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Ancestral meaning systems in a global context

IGSPO in partnership with The Tavistock Institute invites us to a group relations conference to explore ancestral meaning systems as they relate to task and authority.

In the words of the poet David Whyte (2014): "Memory is not just a then, recalled in a now; the past is never just the past: memory is a pulse passing through all created life, a waveform, a then continually becoming other thens, all the while creating a continual but almost untouchable now". Recalling the memories that we share, and that are carried through the lineage of our ancestry, may bring us closer to the untouchable now.

IGSPO in partnership with The Tavistock Institute invites us to a deep integration of our roots of ancestry in exploring together how these personal and collective systems of meaning inform and are informed by how we take up our task and authority in the here-and-now.

Why are we inviting us to explore our ancestral meaning systems as they relate to leadership and authority?

African sage Credo Mutwa said: "You must never again say that you do not know something. You must ask the lake, the unseen lake, to provide you with the knowledge that you seek".

We are indeed formed through the deep waters of our ancestry where wisdom and understanding surpasses the constraints of the binds of linear time. We are of the waters and the waters are of us.

The inherited mythical creatures beneath the surface of our being invite us into not knowing that we might discover the deep wisdom that they hold.

The rapid destruction of our natural ecological systems and dehumanization of our world calls us. The call to return to the place of belonging, to the homestead of our humanness on planet earth. The umLalhankosi (Buffalo Thorn Tree), used to hold and return the spirits to the place called home, serves as a metaphor for the tree of life to which we belong. The ancestral beads worn in the tradition of the Sangomas, symbolic of the father's seed and the mother's womb, represent new life that is sprung through our ancestry that holds us.

The songlines of the Aboriginal people, passed down through the generations in songs and stories, connected them to the country and to the sky, and guided them as creator-beings in the Dreaming. Stonehenge, built in the time of the Neolithic's, serves as land in which ancestral connections are made and felt. When we look to the ancient ancestral wisdom of the East, we acknowledge the Yin energy as that part of self that dies, and the Yang energy as the Hun and shrine through which the ancestors may be convened.

Join us as we are called to harken the call of our ancestry, to listen deeply together in our being human, and to understand how our ancestral meaning systems relate to our leadership and authority in the here and now.

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