Friday Seminar
8th April 2011 10.00 a.m. – 3.45 p.m.
Culture, Race and the Group
Presented by Sue Einhorn

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Programme
10.00 – 11.15 - Presentation ‘Race, Culture and the Group’
11.15 – 11.35 - Coffee in canteen
11.35 – 12.45 - Small group discussion
12.45 – 1.45 - Lunch
1.45 – 3.00 - Exploring Race and Culture in the Group: an experiential event
3.00 – 3.15 - Tea
3.15 – 3.45 - Large Group Discussion

References:
Winnicott 1969/1971 'The Location of Cultural Experience', in Playing and Reality, Tavistock or IJPA pp. 368-72 vol.48

Venue: Rooms T208 and T307, The Old Building, Gaskell Campus, Manchester Metropolitan University, Hathersage Road, Manchester M13 0JA.
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Cost: GAN Members and IGA foundation course and intermediate course students £35.00
Let me begin with John Donne’s famous poem to Group Analysis written in 1624.

No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main. If a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as a promontory were, as well as if a manor of thy friend’s or thine own were: any man’s death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind, and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee.
Observing it in my work I can conclude that the nation prefers group therapy to individual one: a group gives possibility for an individual to survive (4. A society allows its members to achieve needs or wishes they could not fulfil alone.); it actualizes defensive mechanisms of the split, escape; the fact of uniting into groups becomes a «training ground» for acting out of the deportation trauma. The fact of the appearance of the group actualizes “the recollection” of the trauma – the deportation and the experience of the traumatic survival in the ethnic group.

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‘Society can be described as consisting of many large social groupings that share the same geographical territory and are subject to the same political authority and dominant cultural expectations. Each group may share distinctive but different religions, skin colour or cultural institutions but together interrelate to form a particular social environment’