

## Conference

# Refugee experiences of violence and torture: from suffering to relief

Athens, 28 March 2024

### PROGRAMME

09.00 **Reception-Registration**

09.30 **Opening speech**

Nikos Gionakis

09.45 **Greetings**

*H. Moskov, SG Vulnerable Citizens & Institutional Protection (Ministry of Migration)*

*L.-B. Vildiridis, SG Health Services (Ministry of Health) (TBC)*

*Maria Clara Martin, UNHCR (TBC)*

*Yonoush Muhammadi, Greek Refugee Forum*

*Aristi Stathakopoulou, Program Officer, Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF)*

10.00 **Violence, Torture, Psychiatry**

Antonello D'Elia

10.40 **Tortured refugees: Caring without victimizing**

RK Papadopoulos

11.20 Discussion

(Facilitator: N. Gionakis)

11.45 Break

12.00 **Roundtable with people with experiences of torture.**

*Mariama Sow, Sheila Hayman, Tanya and another survivor from Msf Experts by Experience\**

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12.45 Discussion

(Facilitator: *Iphigenia Moulinou*)

13.00 **Music and sounds during torture: From provocation to the relief of suffering**

*Anna Papaeti, Natasha Chanta-Martin*

13.40 Discussion

14.00 Break

15.00 **Approaching the different dimensions of the experience of torture. How working with tortured refugees affects professionals?**

Spyros Koulocheris, Ilias Papadimitriou, Nefeli Roumelioti, Alexis Papakostas

16.00 Discussion

(Facilitator: Dimitra Athanasopoulou)

16.30 **Which care for tortured refugees? Presentation of a proposal by Babel, Greek Council for Refugees and Médecins Sans Frontières.**

Christina Psarra, Chara Kallinteri, Nikos Gionakis

17.15 Discussion

(Facilitator: Agis Terzidis)

18.00 End of conference

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## Speakers

Natasha Chanta-Martin, Dance Anthropologist (Anasa Cultural Centre & Babel Day Centre)

Antonello D'Elia, Psychiatrist, family therapist, chair of Psichiatria Democratica

Sheila Hayman, Coordinator, 'Write to Life', Freedom from Torture

Chara Kallinteri, Lawyer, Greek Council for Refugees

Spyros Koulocheris, Lawyer

Renos Papadopoulos, Clinical Psychologist, Teaching Jungian Analyst, Family

Psychotherapist, Professor of Analytical Psychology, Founder and Director of the Centre for Trauma, Asylum and Refugees (University of Essex)

Anna Papaeti, Musicologist, Researcher (Institute of Historical Research, National Research Foundation)

Alexis Papakostas, Resident Psychiatrist

Ilias Papadimitriou, Psychiatrist (Babel Day Centre)

Nefeli Roumelioti, Psychologist, (Babel Day Centre)

Mariama Sow, Member of the Guinean Writers' Union

Tanya, member of Write to Life, Freedom from Torture

Christina Psarra, General Director (Doctors without Borders - Greek Section)

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\* MSF Building Self Advocacy Experts by Experience is a project managed by MSF Greece. Its members design and implement their own advocacy activities with the aim to bring positive change in their communities

## Facilitators

Dimitra Athanasopoulou, Journalist, Psychologist

Nikos Gionakis, Psychologist, Babel Day Centre

Iphigenia Moulinou, Postdoctoral Researcher in Anthropology of Language

Agis Terzidis, Supervisor of Studies of the MSc "Global Health - Disaster Medicine"

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