

WELCOME!

ÖAS started off in 1986 as an interdisciplinary community for supporting and implementing the systemic approach. Its first activities covered conducting training curricula for psychotherapists before the Austrian psychotherapy law was ratified: with the implementation of the Austrian psychotherapy law in 1991 these trainings were acknowledged as a “Fachspezifikum”. But the idea of “ÖAS” covered a much broader range, not being limited to activities within the psychotherapy arena by issuing the scientific journal “Systeme”, conducting regular “Jour fixe” in various regions of Austria, engaging in scientific conventions, training programmes for supervisors, various projects and research activities and finally also implementing an outpatient clinic – all becoming important branches within ÖAS.

The slogan of ÖAS is: openness for diversity, multiple perspectives, flexibility towards diverse directions and looking for indigenous ways in an engaged manner.

Today the ÖAS is the largest Austrian training institute for the systemic modality being located in many Austrian regions. Our students are still members of the association long after having completed their training, visit the jour fixe, subscribe the “Systeme”, and want to be informed over Facebook regularly.

Some of us already participated at the founding meeting and have grown with the ÖAS since then. Now we want to invite you to celebrate with us its 30 years` anniversary.

Looking back to the roots it becomes visible, which ideas, books, workshops and encounters were and have remained important to us over all these years, and how they have formed our professional identity. We also know, that what formed and touched us in those years, has been transformed into a different meaning. In the convention we want to trace back the milestones of change with you that informed our field, while respecting and evaluating old and new – its importance, sustainability and usefulness for the present and the not yet unfolding.

We assume a revision is pending to keep the systemic spirit within and for future orientation. We will focus on dialogical input, present ideas, videos of therapies (of then and now), discuss the professional performance and - putting the emphasis on what is a good training programme - we want to engage in conversations with you and involve you further also in conversations about pending contemporary systemic hot topics. Our curiosity is positioned around developing ideas with theoreticians and practitioners in the international arena. At the same time we search for the new systemic spirit: the benevolent energy, the witty, the sparkling.

On April 24 preworkshops in the location of the ÖAS headquarters in 1st Viennese district with guests from abroad can be booked. More information about them is available.

We look forward to celebrate with you 30 years of ÖAS!

Das Kongress-Team: C. Ahlers, G. Mehta, G. Walter und E. Zika

THURSDAY, 25.04.2019

11.00 - 12.00	Registration
12.00 - 12.30	welcome and overview
12.30 - 13.00	introductory statements (M. & K. Gergen, K. Tomm, Sh. McNamee)
13.00 - 13.30	introductory statements (J. Freedman & G. Combs, B. Furman)
13.30 - 14.30	break
14.30 - 15.00	introductory statements (D. Rada Rageth, T. Levold, G. Schmidt)
15.00 - 15.30	reflecting & discussing the contributions
15.30 - 16.00	break
16.00 - 17.30	Workshops (more information available)
17.30 - 17.45	break
17.45 - 20.00	mediterranean buffet in the hall
19.00 - 20.00	our masters: remembrances, impressions, anecdotes
20.00	concert (classics & Jazz), incl. a break with snacks (about 1,5h)

FRIDAY, 26.04.2019

09.00 - 10.00	best practice model
09.00 - 10.30	ideas how to continue the therapeutic process
10.30 - 11.00	break
11.00 - 11.30	key note (Tom Levold) "body, emotions & meaning: perspectives within the systemic approach"
11.30 - 12.00	keynote (Karl Tomm) "Post-truth and a justification for therapeutic initiative"
12.00 - 12.30	keynote (Ben Furman) "Energizing questions: the simple art of hosting solution-focused conversations"
12.30 - 14.00	lunchbreak
14.00 - 14.30	keynote (Jill Freedman & Gene Combs) "How narrative therapists work with politics and limiting discourses"
14.30 - 15.00	keynote (Sheila McNamee) "Practitioners as people: dialogic encounters for transformation"
15.00 - 15.30	break
15.30 - 17.00	Workshops (more information available)
17.00 - 17.15	break
17.15 - 18.45	Workshops (more information available)
19.00 - 21.00	Galabuffet
21.00	party

SATURDAY, 27.04.2019

09.00 - 10.30	presentation of a film about the history of ÖAS, followed by a discussion with founding members
10.30 - 11.00	break
11.00 - 11.30	keynote (Harry Merl) "Human ecology in psychotherapy"
11.30 - 12.00	keynote (Kenneth Gergen) "The place of language in systemic therapy: history and horizons"
12.00 - 12.15	break
12.15 - 13.15	Quo vadis ÖAS & systemic therapy?
13.15	wrapping up & farewell