



**Abstract Nr:** 69  
**Internet ID:** 214

**Type of Presentation:** Symposium

**Return of repressed. How history returns in the psychotherapist's office.**

Katarzyna Prot-Klinger

Maria Grzegorzewska University & Institute of Group Analysis „Raszow,, WARSAW, Poland

**Learning Goal:**

I will try to determine what symptoms of the patient and what experience of the therapist may suggest the presence of “internal crypt”. On the part of the patient, psychotic or psychosomatic symptoms, suicide attempts are of special importance. On the part of psychotherapist - strange, “crazy” associations and feelings.

**Abstract Text:**

In my presentation I would like to refer to the processes taking place in Poland in the context of the heritage of World War II. Especially Holocaust is the part of history very difficult to working through.

The research of historians clearly shows that the term “bystander” – an indifferent witness – is not appropriate to a situation in Poland. After the liquidation of the ghettos in Poland, there was a hunt for other Jews who then died at the hands of or as a result of denunciation by Poles. In addition, Poles benefited materially from the Holocaust by occupying houses and social spaces previously occupied by Jews.

Poland is also a country in which, since 2000, a public debate about the Holocaust has been taking place. The suppressed subject of the Holocaust in Poland has re-emerged in studies by historians, but also in a strengthening of calls for the defense of the “good name” of Poles. There are actions of individuals and state institutions attacking historical research that are a threat to specific formulas of historical memory and national identity.

Based on my therapeutic experiences, I believe that the most important, unresolved problem residing in our patients’ subconscious minds is the Holocaust heritage being ignored. Work by cultural researchers shows that what we see in our offices not only concerns individual patients, but also feature in Polish society.

I would like to give some example from my therapeutic work with the psychotic and non-psychotic patients and from the workshop for the psychotherapists regarding the social memory suppression of the Holocaust. I give also the example from the group work with the group of psychotic patients.

**ON THE HEALING POWER  
OF HUMAN RECONNECTION**