



INVITATION

International Cohort Meeting - January 25, 2026 How National Context Shapes Diverse Group Relations Work - An International Perspective



How do the historical, cultural, or socioeconomic aspects of a particular country shape the purpose, values, and design of group relations work?

What are the preoccupations of group relations work in a country, and how do these connect to national narratives and needs?

This event brings together a panel representing **7 different countries**, each offering brief presentations on their local context and experience. The presentations will be followed by a fishbowl discussion among the panelists, exploring commonalities, differences, meanings, and what the different countries may be carrying for the whole. The conversation will then be opened to include audience questions, reflections, and broader discussion.

Panelists:

Uma Ravikumar (India), Mike Teplitz (Israel),
Jolita Buzaitytė Kašalynienė (Lithuania), Augustine Sagoe (Ghana),
Jin Liu (China), Chris Tanner (UK), mak wemuk (USA)

Convener:

Raymond Bakaitis

January 25, 2026

- China / Singapore: 10:00pm - 12:00am
- Mumbai: 7:30pm - 9:30pm
- Istanbul / Moscow: 5:00pm - 7:00pm
- Tel Aviv / Vilnius / Johannesburg: 4:00pm - 6:00pm
- Amsterdam / Milan / Poland: 3:00 pm - 5:00pm
- Accra / London: 2:00pm - 4:00pm
- New York: 9:00am - 11:00am
- Chicago: 8:00am - 10:00am
- Los Angeles: 6:00am - 8:00am

Participation is free.

Register in advance for this meeting:

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Join us to discover perspectives from around the world!

We hope to see you there ...

About the Convener and Panelists

Raymond Bakaitis Clinical Psychologist, USA. Convener

Jolita Buzaitytė Kašalynienė Associate Professor, Lithuania

Jin Liu Psychoanalytic Psychotherapist, China

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Uma Ravikumar GR Practitioner, Executive Coach and Facilitator, India

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