

**Controversies & Contemporary Trends in Analytical Psychology**

**ONLINE, 7-8 November 2025**

The first issue of the *Journal of Analytical Psychology* was published in January 1955. It was dedicated to C. G. Jung on the occasion of his 80th birthday. While honouring the “truly gigantic and fundamental nature of Jung’s labours”, the editorial of this first edition states that Jung’s concepts nevertheless “need to be subjected to scrutiny, constructive criticism, and elaboration.” This objective still holds true. However, while at the time the opportunity to publish articles in the *JAP* was open to members of the Society of Analytical Psychology only, the *Journal* has grown to be one of the leading journals in the field of analytical psychology with an international outlook, inviting papers from authors around the globe and hosting an editorial board and team that reflects a wide variety of cultures and traditions.

In 2025, the *Journal of Analytical Psychology* will reach the significant milestone of its 70th year.

To celebrate this anniversary, the *Journal* is organizing a conference to reflect on important past and present controversies and contemporary trends. The conference will start on Friday, 7th November, with a look back into the *Journal*’s history, its development over the decades and its present significance. James Astor will open the conference with an insight onto Michael Fordham’s original vision for the *Journal* and John Beebe, the first US editor of the *Journal*, will respond. Both James and John have been involved with the *Journal* for decades and can look back over many years of its development, especially regarding its attitude towards classical, developmental and relational approaches.

Saturday will be devoted to present-day developments and controversies, not least the debate on the nature of archetypes, but will also look at the importance of countertransference in all its manifestations in the consulting room. Speakers will explore the role of affectivity, implicit memory, and attachment and focus on the concept of cultural complexes. All the speakers are distinguished experts in these fields and have published articles on their topics in the *JAP* and elsewhere.

This online conference will allow participants from around the globe to take part. Recordings will be made available to those who are unable to attend on the day or who live in time zones which are unfavourable to live participation.

**PROGRAMME**

**FRIDAY, 7 NOVEMBER**

18.00 – 19.30 Introduction: James Astor and John Beebe

The history of the Journal and its place as a forum for ongoing debates regarding the contributions of classical, developmental and relational approaches to analytical psychology.

**SATURDAY, 8 NOVEMBER**

9.30 – 11.00 The “archetype” debate

Christian Roesler & Eric Goodwyn

11.00 – 11.15 COFFEE BREAK

11.15 – 12.45 Body-mind and countertransference in the consulting room

Susanna Wright & Mark Winborn

12.45 – 13.45 LUNCH BREAK

13.45 – 15.15 The role of affectivity, implicit memory and attachment

Jean Knox & Joe Cambray and Linda Carter

15.15 – 15.30 TEA BREAK

15.30 – 17.00 Cultural complexes and phantom narratives

Kevin Lu & Sam Kimbles

17.00 – 17.30 Closing notes

**FEES** £195. Trainees and Students: £95

**Early Bird by 31 July:** £150. Trainees and Students: £80

**REGISTRATION:** <https://www.thesap.org.uk/events/70th-anniversary-jap-online-conference/>

