Koinonia-Art Belgrade

INTERNATIONAL REFLECTIVE CITIZENS KOINONIA

9th Workshop–Winter 2025

Заједничарење in Different Languages

Grateful for images on our flyer to the artist **Angela Eden**

Saturday, 22nd February 3pm– 6:30 pm (Central European Time)

In English & other languages

Venue: virtual "zoom" room hosted byKoinonia-Art Belgrade

Registration on **ireflectivecitizens@gmail.com free of charge**

IRC steering team

Marina Mojović, AliceMulasso & Dragana Dragojević

withhostingstaff

Angela Eden, James Krantz, CarlaPenna, DaleGodby, Francesca Bascialla, George Bermudez, Eanasul Fateh, Adrian Parsadh Franca Fubini, Kavita Avula, IreneO'Byrne-Maguire, Ilaria Locati, Yahya Mayet, Marijana Ajduković, Zaven Trčnigijan, Branka Bakić, Jasmina Knežević Tasić, Vilma Jovičić, Dragoslav Stefanović, Tanja Štrbac, Danica Banašević, Ognjen Stanković, Stefan Marković

Basic info

INTERNATIONAL REFLECTIVE CITIZENS KOINONIA

9th Workshop–Winter 2025

IRC is a psycho-social space for dialogue among people across the world, with and for all interested citizens, open to **diversity**, where we learn to listen and where we are listened to, where we DIALOGUE and REFLECT together on **responsible citizenship** issues in the face of the profound social and climate changes that are taking place in the present and will impact the future of our community.

We have a responsibility as citizens to think about the present in order to build the future together

- **No preparation is needed** in advance, just being interested to participate, reading the program and registering (yourselves and eventually your fellow people).

Registration is easy, just ending info to the management team at

ireflectivecitizens@gmail.com – without charge

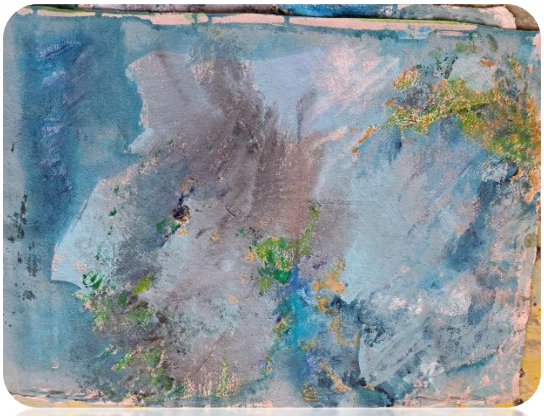
IRC event is done online by **zoom** – **link** will be sent to registered participants one day before the event.

Each RC workshop is composed of **group experiences**: it starts with a **social dream matrix**, a space in which night dreams and dream associations are shared, listened to in their social and not personal meaning.

The dreams offer material on which to continue reflecting in the **large citizenship group** and in the subsequent **small RC groups**, where it is easier for everyone to take the floor;

The last session is again in the **large RC group**, the community coming together to listen and watch the work of the small groups, continue the dialogue, hypothesize applications in the community, **say goodbye**.

The dialogue in the different groups encourages thinking together and the consequent emergence of new thoughts for that situation.



Program of this 9th IRC Workshop (in CET time)

14.45–15.00 **Entry** with part of the hosting team: arrivals to the zoom room, first encounters, sorting out technical or other practical problems — **15min**

15.00 **Beginning of RC Workshop**

15.00–15.05 **Introduction to WS** (steering group) — **5min**

15.05–15.45 **Social Dreaming Matrix** — **40 min**

15.45–16.25 **IRC Large Group 1** — **40min**

16.25-16.35 **Small break-**moving towards the RC-Small Groups (into your breakout zoom-room) — **10min**

16.35-17.10 **IRC-Small Groups-leaderless** — **35min**

17.10–17.25 **Small break-m**oving towards RC-Large Group 2 (zoom room same as LG 1) — **15min**

17.25–18.05 **IRC Large Group 2** — **40min**

18.05-18.30 **Review & planning together** **25min**

18.30 **End of the IRC Workshop**

18.30–18.40 **Exit with good-bye** **10min**

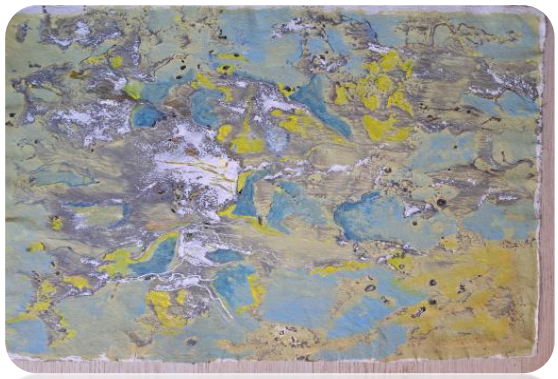
About International Reflective Citizens Koinonia

RC method is founded / developed in Belgrade, Serbia in the early 2000s by two friends and colleagues - dr. Marina Mojović and dr. Jelica Satarić (both psychiatrists and psychotherapists, group analysts, working in therapeutic communities)

- Together with colleagues from Serbia and abroad, and with
- citizens-participants, citizens-organizers, citizens-hosts,
- jointly ***learning-through-experience*** and
- ***knitting together*** available resources with citizens' dialogue needs;
- established **seasonal RC-workshops** (branches in different cities, villages, organizations & countries),
- **RC-Training for RC-hosts** (conveners & organizers).
- **Belgrade International RC-Conferences** (for discussion, refinement of the method & cooperation with other ***sibling methods***)

International Reflective Citizens Koinonia (IRC) was born at the beginning of the covid19-pandemics - **Spring 2020 IRC WS:** RC founders & conveners invited experienced RC-hosts from various countries to join in the co-creation of this **new IRC branch- online**.

With IRC the long journey of the **internationalization of RC** is reaching new levels.



History & Essentials

- RC grew out of the need & trust into the capacity of raw human exchanges for **learning-through-experience** of **true dialogue culture and citizens' responsibility**.
- RC aspire to enable a **free sharing of thoughts, feelings, fantasies**, **dreams, drawings and hypotheses,** opening up the minds to the chaotic and the uncontrollable unconscious of communities within 'safe-enough' dialogue situations.

Significant for the RC-conception were long years of **dialogue spaces among sibling psychoanalytic traditions** (psychoanalysis, group analysis, group relations, therapeutic communities, social dreaming, listening posts, and operative groups) within the Koinonia-Art learning community as its cradle enabling the birth of the RC-offspring – keeping the psychoanalytic flame of liberal and cosmopolitan ideals burning in wider fields of citizenship.

- **Appreciation of complexity** is strongly present in the **core values**.
- Not aiming to arrive jointly to any sort of homogeneous conclusion. Such human needs are, of course, often encountered, acknowledged and contained as much as possible.
- primarily a space for **freedom of diversity**, for learning to listen and to be heard, for allowing difficult feelings (like despair, hate, rage, fears, guilt or shame to be expressed), defenses from them eventually seen/understood, as well as a place to learn to allow positive feelings like appreciation, hope, love, etc.
- Opening up new themes and perspectives, learning about the others and one- self in relation to others includes also the convener- participants, without any assumed privileges to own the "Truth".
- Essential is the challenge for all participants to open their minds for the variety/diversity of discourses /paradigms and curiosity for interactions, while keeping (or repairing) core human values.

There is an ongoing RC-learning of the ***'art-of-listening'*** and the ***'art-of-dialogue'***– indeed, ***transforming hate into culture of dialogue*** within the **RC-KOINONIA** (in terms of Pat de Mare and its cultural origins) **or RC "*заједничарење*"**

RC-Koinonia is both the RC-Method & the RC-Community of collaboration among RC- branches/communities using and developing the same RC-Method– being trained in this method, continuing jointly to learn and develop the field. It is also devoted to collaboration with similar/sibling methods.

Co-creation of RC was a long careful journey. However, **transmission and training** for any interested citizen, how to become an RC-organizer, or RC-convener is easy and fast.

RC can be done only by one person, citizen trained for RC hosting (as well as with a group).

The ability to dialogue and think is more indispensable than ever nowadays in order to open up spaces for reflection on the challenges and risks of the contemporary world, in order to form a personal and collective idea without stopping at the communication entrusted to slogans that proliferates in the media and in political debates.