

INVITATION

Dear colleagues,

**The Chamber of Clinical Psychologist of Slovenia
invites you to a workshop**

on

PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT OF PSYCHOSIS, BIPOLAR SPECTRUM, AND SUICIDE RISK - EMERGING TRENDS AND CLINICAL CASE REVIEW

When: May 19th – 21st 2025,

**Where: Hotel Four Points by Sheraton,
Pot za Brdom 4, Ljubljana**

We are pleased to welcome to Slovenia **James H. Kleiger**, Psy.D., ABPP, ABAP, and **Ali Khadivi**, Ph.D., ABAP, leading American experts in the psychological assessment of psychosis and bipolar spectrum disorders, authors of *Assessing Psychosis, A Clinician's Guide* and *The Psychological Assessment of Bipolar Spectrum Disorders* books.

This workshop is intended for clinical psychology residents who have completed the module on psychological assessment or have basic knowledge of psychological assessment, as well as for clinical psychology specialist.

You are cordially invited!

PROGRAM SCHEDULE¹

DAY 1	Monday, May 19th, 2025
8:00 – 8:45	arrival and registration of the participants
8:45 – 9:00	opening words
9:00 – 10:00	The concept of psychosis, signs, symptoms, syndromes, and diagnostic issues ²
10:00 – 10:45	Multimethod assessment focusing on disordered thinking, language, and communication on the Rorschach Inkblot Test.
10:45 – 11:15	break
11:15 – 11:45	Understanding the presence of elevated cognitive scores in non-psychotic and non-psychiatric populations.
11:45 – 12:15.	Case presentation 1: Case example of a patient without a psychosis with positive testing signs.
12:15 – 13:15	lunch
13:15 – 14:00	Literature review on the risk for psychosis development.
14:00 – 15:00	Multimethod assessment of risk for psychosis development.
15:00 – 15:15	break
15:15 – 16:15	Case presentation 2: Case example of a patient with elevated risk for psychosis development.
Day 2	Tuesday, May 20th, 2025
8:30 – 9:00	arrival and registration of the participants
9:00 – 10:00.	The concept of bipolar disorder, signs, symptoms, syndromes, and diagnostic issues.
10:00 – 10:45	Multimethod assessment focusing on indicators of bipolar spectrum disorders on the Rorschach Inkblot Test.
10:45 – 11:15	break
11:15 – 12:15	Differential diagnosis in the assessment of bipolar spectrum disorders.
12:15 – 13:15	lunch
13:15 – 14:25	Case presentation 3: Case example of an adult patient with a psychotic disorder (prepared in advance by a participant) ³
14:25 – 14:40	break
14:40 – 15:50	Case presentation 4: Case example of an adolescent patient with bipolar spectrum disorder.
15:50 – 16:15	Discussion

¹ Organisers reserve the right to make changes to the event programme.

² All lectures and workshops will be held in English.

³ Participants are invited to **present their own case study** or psychological assessment of an adult patient with a psychotic disorder, which will take place during the afternoon session of the second day of the workshop.

The case summary should include:

- Whether it addresses the issues related to the bipolar spectrum or psychotic disorder.
- Basic patient history (in a few sentences when submitting the case; more detailed information will be required if your case is selected for presentation).
- Main diagnostic question/issue.
- Rorschach protocol, scoring and results.
- Other test results (e. g., WAIS index scores, PAI or MMPI profiles...).

The deadline for case submission is April 4th, 2025. Participants will be notified about the selection of their case on the May 5th, 2025.

DAY 3Wednesday, May 21st, 2025

8:30 – 9:00	arrival and registration of the participants
9:00 – 10:30	Suicide risk assessment – an update.
10:30 – 11:00	break
11:00 – 12:30	The use of Rorschach Inkblot Test in assessing suicidal risk and case presentation.
12:30 – 12:45	Discussion
12:45 – 13:00	Closing words

The training course will take form of three full day workshops, providing a comprehensive review of the psychological assessment of severe psychopathology, focusing on the differential diagnosis of psychosis, bipolar spectrum disorders, and suicide risk. Special attention will be given to the early detection of risk for psychosis development and the unique role of the Rorschach Inkblot Test in understanding and identifying psychotic phenomena, severe mood disorders, and suicided risk.

First day will cover an overview of the phenomenology of psychosis with latest findings, focusing on early detection and intervention of patients considered a high risk for transitioning to psychosis. **The second day** will address severe mood disorders within the bipolar spectrum, while **the third day** will be dedicated to updated evidence-based approaches for the assessment of suicide risk.

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS:**Registration fee:**

- €420 + 22% VAT (€512,40)

The registration fee includes event attendance, printed materials, an attendance certificate, water, hot beverage and snacks during breaks, as well as lunch at the venue. Parking is free for the participants.

Registrations are accepted via the online registration form, at:

<https://forms.gle/7QVgDpAZA79JqNaJ9>

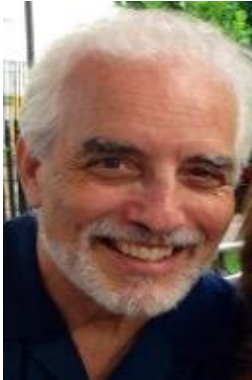
If the registration fee is covered by an institution, a conformation of the payer (the last page of this invitation) must be attached at the registration form. Self-paying participants are not required to provide this confirmation. Upon receiving a fully completed registration, we will send you a confirmation message regarding your registration or placement on the participants' list. Due to the limited number of spots, we encourage you to register as early as possible.

The deadline for registration is Thursday, May 8th, 2025, or until all available spots are filled.

After the workshop is completed, we will issue an invoice, which you will need to settle within the designated deadline.

Lecturers

JAMES H. KLEIGER



A native of Colorado and graduate of Harvard University, Dr. Kleiger is a psychologist psychoanalyst and writer. He completed postdoctoral training at The Menninger Clinic in Topeka, KS, and eventually became Training Director of the Postdoctoral Fellowship Program. While at Menninger, he completed his psychoanalytic training at the Topeka Institute for Psychoanalysis. After moving to Bethesda, MD, Dr. Kleiger served as President of the Washington Baltimore Society for Psychoanalysis and developed a private practice in psychoanalysis, psychoanalytic therapy, and psychological assessment. He has presented widely, published over 50 articles, authored and edited five professional books and two novels – *Disordered Thinking and The Rorschach*, 1999 (Analytic Press), followed by *Assessing Psychosis, A Clinician's Guide*, 2015 (Routledge, coauthored with Ali Khadivi and a Second Edition, 2024 (Routledge), *Rorschach Assessment of Psychotic Phenomena*, 2017 (Routledge), *Psychological Assessment of Disordered Thinking & Perception*, 2021 and *Psychological Assessment of Bipolar Spectrum Disorders*, 2023 (APA Books, coedited with Irving Weiner). In 2020, Dr. Kleiger published his debut novel, *The 11th Inkblot* (IP Books). His second novel *Tears Are Only Water* (James Kleiger, PC) was published in 2023.

ALI KHADIVI



Since 1991, Dr. Khadivi has been dedicated to practicing clinical and forensic psychology. He is a board-certified assessment psychologist and a Society for Personality Assessment fellow. Additionally, he is a professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in Bronx, New York. Dr. Khadivi has conducted multiple national and international workshops on evaluating psychiatric disorders. He is recognized as an expert in clinical and forensic psychology by the courts in New York State. Dr. Khadivi has also been an expert consultant for numerous institutions on clinical and forensic case evaluations. He has written extensively and presented internationally, lecturing on the assessment of psychosis. Dr. Khadivi has written numerous book chapters on clinical interviewing techniques in assessing psychosis and bipolar disorders. He is co-author with Dr. Kleiger on *Assessing Psychosis*, 2015 (Routledge) and leading author with Dr. Kleiger on the Second Edition of *Assessing Psychosis*, to be released in 2024 by Routledge.

PARTICIPATION CONFIRMATION

»Psychological assessment of psychosis, bipolar spectrum, and suicide risk - emerging trends and clinical case review«

We hereby confirm that the candidate _____,
employed at our institution (name and address)

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in the position of

is approved to participate in the workshop Psychological assessment of psychosis,
bipolar spectrum, and suicide risk - emerging trends and clinical case review, which
will take place from May 19th to May 21st, 2025 in Ljubljana.

Signature of an authorized person and institution stamp:
