

## Erika Lepiavka



I am Erika Lepiavka; psychologist and psychoanalyst in training, Mexican. I was born in a city where motion is head-spinning, and inequalities overflow. I am the daughter of a punctual man, and an unpunctual woman. This pair of opposites has led me to research into time notion and its psychic placements. I knew I wanted to be a psychoanalyst since my first steps as a Psychology student. I knew that the human truth lied there; through the eye that points to the unconscious.

The possibility to become part of an international psychoanalytical movement captured my attention years before starting this training. I keep, among my curiosities, a notepad on which I drew a map of the world and the IPA societies around it. Once I started my psychoanalytic training, my interest in IPSO came in naturally. I have been the IPSO rep for Sociedad Psicoanalítica de México since 2016. I am also an IPSO representative for the IPA Website Editorial Board.

In a parallel way, the psychologist within me has had the opportunity to develop in different types of communities. I have rotated through hospital wards, public school hallways, detention facilities, Tzotzil fields, among others. Why do I mention this? Because these experiences keep the word community within my psychoanalyst interest. I dream about a world where psychoanalytic dialogue may happen in places where there are no couches.

The possibility to blur the physical boundaries of psychoanalysis; that is IPSO for me. These days, we live in a world where the border is within a six feet radius: it's the distance that guards us but that deserts us, too. We exist between overexposure to screens and a constant death threat. Among this turmoil, we need to bet on life. It is not an easy time to be a psychoanalyst. I think we can face this battle together as colleagues, thinking and creating together.

IPSO has opened many doors for me, and I would like to create new pathways as part of the Executive Committee. I want us to create an IPSO magazine where we could read each other's thoughts and proposals. Our technique is going through a revolution, which is why I would like for us to create supervision groups where we may share our questionings and findings. My deep interest in the context around us is captured in our next IPSO Day of which I am part of the organizing committee. We named it Tierra Caliente: Psyche, Unbalance and Possibility. I will be interviewing Harriet Wolfe and you may join us from home. We are far away, but we also have the possibility to be closer than ever.

I speak mostly Spanish. I have been lucky enough to become fully fluent in English. I can communicate in French, and I can understand written Portuguese. I will love to read your thoughts; you may find me at [erikalepiavka@gmail.com](mailto:erikalepiavka@gmail.com).