In our globalised world it is certainly no longer a question of exporting science or technology, but rather of asking ourselves once again and in ever greater depth about the universality of the assumptions that we use to think and organise our view of reality, or their translatability. This also means that we must continually place ourselves in a position to pick up the changes and cross-fertilisation that are generated by contacts between different cultures and mentalities”.

(Lorena Preta, Editorial, “Psiche”, n.1/2008)

Marco Francesconi (Lecturer in Dynamic Psychology, University of Pavia, member of the Association of Psychoanalytical Studies, Milan) opens the debate and introduces the speakers of the first day. Lorena Preta (Full member of SPI, Italian Psychoanalytical Society, editor in chief of Psiche from 2001 to 2009) provides a more detailed introduction to the work. Fausto Petrella (Full member and Training analyst of SPI, Professor of Psychiatry from 1981 to 2008, President of SPI from 1997 to 2000) as the chair of the meeting connects and put into frames the various contributions. Daniela Scotto di Fasano (Full member of SPI and past member of the editorial teams for Psiche and Spiweb) discusses Livio Boni’s contribution (University of Toulouse II Le Miral) about Indian psychoanalysis.

On the second day of the conference Fethi Bensalma (member of the Association Psychanalytique Marocaine) talks about L’Islam au regard de la psychanalyse (discussant: Maurizio Balsamo, Full member and Training analyst of SPI, lecturer in Psychopathology and psychoanalysis at Paris Diderot University, editor-in-chief of Psiche from 2014). In the afternoon session, Vanna Berlincioni (Full member of SPI, Professor of Psychiatry) discusses Gohar Homayounpour’s paper The Paradox called Iran (Houmayounpour is the founder and director of the Freudian Group of Tehran).