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I think that Eatga is facing currently the same difficulties as the new scientific secretary, when she/he is trying to comprehend the whole meaning of the work in Eatga.

During the bygone decades incomprehensible amount of work has been done and papers and books been written.

To tackle this problem Eatga has started a “History” project, in which by interviewing founding members we could get a clearer picture of the developments, ideas and difficulties during these decades that we have been working. As I said, the problem is the vastness of the material. So much ideas, discussions, texts, Newsletters, papers and books are documented already. I think not so many of us have read through all the information that is available on our Eatga web-site.

So even though Eatga material is vast, it is not enough.

In our work we need understanding about the psychoanalytical and group analytical work that has been done during the last century. And even this is not enough, but we need in our transcultural (and also in psychoanalytical and group analytical) work understanding about sociological processes and historical developments. So it may well be, that one can't comprehend or understand the whole Eatga process.

I am hopeful though that by our “History” project we can detect general developments and threads of thought that will help us reflect our findings in relation to changes in society, culture and the human mind.

What about the here and now?

Isn't it the essence of psychoanalytical and group analytical and our transcultural work?

Of course it is. I think the problem for us is that there is so little time for discussions and dialogue. Maybe it is the problem in society in general?

Dialogue is needed to integrate impulses from different scientific disciplines. And new ideas are needed to keep our project alive. D'Angio wrote in our Newsletter about the dangers of creating an autistic atmosphere, if you don't welcome contradicting opinions and differences to the whole process. In group analysis the analysis of power relationships and hierarchies has been very much in focus, at least originally in the work of Norbert Elias. I have understood that lately we in Eatga have been struggling with the meaning of the changes in Europe and in the whole world in general. During Eatgas existence the strong military and ideological power hierarchies has been replaced with economic power relations and consumerism. As we know these new power hierarchies are also very firmly grounded to basic human needs, psychodynamics and relationships.

So very fittingly our next Workshop in planning by Ruvolo in Palermo is focusing just on these global economic phenomena and its effects on societies, on relationships and on the human mind.