

Adolescents' Suicide Attempts: Reaching them on the Border between Life and Death

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Time: **2pm – 6pm**



Venue: **Tai Kwun, Central, Hong Kong**



Fee: **US\$250** (US\$220 for AAFT members)

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About the workshop :

The threat of suicide or self-harm by a young person triggers a response not only from their family but also from involved institutions and professionals. The mental health system often prioritizes creating a safe environment for those expressing suicidal ideation or attempts and dealing with acute suicidal risks but is relatively less familiar with handling chronic suicidality. Drawing on his 50 years of clinical experience, Dr Maurizio Andolfi is going to share his approach in working with suicidal adolescents. He believes that families and communities are crucial in healing during and after a youth's crisis. By providing support and care, family and network therapy can create a safe and effective context for profound transformations in the young person's identity and interpersonal relationships. Shared care, love, and solidarity from significant family members and friends offer tremendous opportunities for youth to re-evaluate the value of life.

About the speaker :

Maurizio Andolfi, M.D., is a highly regarded Master Family Therapist and Child Psychiatrist who completed his fellowship in Social and Community Psychiatry at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York. He has studied with esteemed therapists such as Salvador Minuchin, Jay Haley, and Carl Whitaker. Andolfi is the director of the Accademia di Psicoterapia della Famiglia, the President of the Silvano Andolfi Foundation and a founding member of the European Family Therapy Association. He has received several awards for his outstanding contributions to family therapy, including the AAMFT award in 1999 and a Lifetime Achievement Award from AFTA in 2016. He has been recognized by the Australian Government and the Australian Association of Family Therapy for his work and was awarded the title of Distinguished Talent in 2012. Andolfi is an Honorary Member of the Asian Academy of Family Therapy and has published numerous books in various languages, including "Teen Voices: Tales of Family Therapy" (2013), "Multigenerational Family Therapy" (2017), "Intergenerational Couple Therapy" (2021), and "The Gift of Truth" (2022). His work has significantly impacted the field of family therapy and continues to shape how therapists approach treating families.

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