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## **Editors Lair 18**

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We are extremely pleased to report that Dr. Ilker Ozyildrum's article in our December 2022 issue, entitled "To Brush Against the Grain": An Essay on Unconscious Ownership of Guilt and Identifications", won the IPA's Elise M. Hayman Award for the study of the Holocaust & Genocide. Well deserved, even if we say so ourselves.

We likewise are very glad to be able to say that the incomparable folks at the Freud Museum will continue co-sponsoring the revived "Psychoanalysis and the Public Sphere" conference this year over the weekend of September 30-October 1. The theme for 2023 is "Authoritarianism in All its Guises: Right, Left, and Center". There is indeed far too much dismaying material to inspect across all areas of the political spectrum. More news to follow.

Our current issue features a corrosive and skeptical examination by Michael Chanan of the AI hype we are all subjected to these days. Rhett-Lawson Mahajer and Tara Rava Zolnikov then offer us a revealingly speculative trans-theological essay, "The Gospel According to Fairbairn." Judith M. Hughes casts a hard but appreciative glance back at Richard Hofstadter's *The Paranoid Style in American Politics* in this scarcely post-Trump era. Sabby Sagall undertakes a fascinating and doubtless controversial critical psychoanalytic comparison of the conflicts in Ukraine and Palestine. Lawrence Ginsburg conducts an intellectual spelunking expedition into the pre-war recesses of American psychoanalytic history. (These days it looks like we must spell out that 'pre-war' means post-Second World War.) Finally, Dilara Demirpence Secinti and Elena Molienari gently bring into focus the psychoanalytic utility, let us call it, of our feline friends. Equal time for canines is ever on offer.