

PLENARY SPEAKER



Sociatry Offers Added Wisdom

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Will our nation realize our common humanity? Will our organization grow or shrink? Will we experience the vital and active intelligence that exists within and between us, as a presence that gives expression to all life? Will we experience the nature of this intelligence from which all life arises, and in which there is no exclusion?

What forces are at play here? Moreno identified these forces and wrote about how them, how they have a determining impact on society, organizations, and individuals. How do these forces underlie our organizations, societies, and our lives?

Sociatry is a critical facet in the body of work J.L. and Zerka Moreno gave to the world. Sociatry is found at the genesis of their philosophy, vision, and their formulas for human, organization, and social transformation.

Sociatry means healing of the society, and sees humanity as one organism, with forces impacting the entire organism and its many parts.

J.L. and Zerka realized the organic unity of humanity has with itself and with all life. They created a whole method and a social microscope to realize what Zerka has described as the "awakening of the autonomous healing center within" groups and individuals. The aim of Sociatry is this awakening, and to reveal the forces impacting humanity and in our time the entire biosphere. This Plenary introduces Sociatry.