

**The Oedipus complex:  
Not from a psychoanalytic but  
from a daseinsanalytic perspective**  
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*“Among all beings,  
only the human being,  
called upon by the voice of Being,  
experiences the wonder of all wonders:  
that beings are.”  
(Martin Heidegger)*

Dear friends, in the beginning of 2011, the last General Assembly of IFDA was held in Athens. In the margins of the General Assembly, a small congress was held with the title AGORA.

The word AGORA is a Greek word which has remained the same both in ancient Greek and in modern. This word means the open area in which I can meet other people and be with them. It means not less than a relational home, a relational openness in which a meeting can be, and in addition a dialog and a contradiction and an agreement and an ability to do something all together. For the ancient Greek, the AGORA, primarily was its abode, the dwelling place, the open region for the presencing of his world. It was the heart of the town, and, at the same time, it was the heart of the individual human being as *“Being-in-the-world”*. In this relational home, individual questioning and free thought were born, and at the same time the responsibility to the other: both philosophy and democracy.

In this AGORA of the IFDA 2011, then, amongst other very interesting speeches, there was one from the very respected and good friend, Erik Craig, with the title *“Freud’s forgotten place at the Daseinsanalytic table”*. In addition, a few months earlier, another good friend, Ado Huygens sent a very interesting text to the members of IFDA, with the title *“From Psychoanalysis to the analysis of Dasein”*. These two important texts, which indicate the need for dialogue with psychoanalysis, awakened again my interest regarding this.