



Professor Dr. Maurizio Andolfi
Speaker

Professor Dr. Maurizio Andolfi, born in 1942, is internationally renowned as a *Master Family Therapist*. Trained initially as a child psychiatrist, he lived in New York City in the early 70's where he worked extensively in the South Bronx, and later in South Philadelphia with disadvantaged families of different ethnic groups. During his time in the USA, Andolfi studied in a number of prestigious family therapy institutes, including the Family Studies Section of Bronx State Hospital, the Ackerman Institute for Family Therapy and the Philadelphia Child Guidance Clinic with Salvador Minuchin and Jay Haley, as well as studying with Carl Whitaker in the following years.

Dr. Andolfi is Professor of Psychology at La Sapienza (University of Rome), Director of the Accademia di Psicoterapia Familiare in Rome, Italy, and Editor-in-Chief of the Italian family therapy journal: *Terapia Familiare*. In 1999 he received the Special Contribution to Marital and Family Therapy award given by the American Association of Marital & Family Therapy. He was the Co-Founder of the European Family Therapy Association and the past-President of the Italian Family Therapy Society. In 2016 Dr. Andolfi received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Family Therapy Association.

Since relocating to Perth, Australia, Dr. Andolfi has conducted numerous workshops in Australia, and continues to teach around the world. He has spent over 45 years conducting intensive practicums internationally on the personal handicaps of the therapist and the use of self-of-the-therapist. Hallmarks of his approach is recruiting the child as a co-therapist in entering the family system, mobilising resources in the family and wider system, playfulness, humour, metaphors, provocation and non-verbal communication skills, and the use of live consultation. He is a clinical member of the Australian Association of Family Therapy.

Prof Andolfi has published widely in both Italian and English, including the following books in English:

- **Multi-generational Family Therapy:** Tools & Resources for the Therapist (2016)
- **Teen Voices:** Tales from Family Therapy (2013)
- **Please Help Me with This Family:** Using Consultants as Resources in Family Therapy (1994)
- **The Myth of Atlas:** Families & the Therapeutic Story (1989)
- **Family Therapy:** An Interactional Approach (1979)