

**ONLINE ONLY for 2020**  
**A message from Uma**

Dear ones -

We have been asked when we will be offering live in-person trainings and events, and when we will start travelling overseas to teach.

In light of the current unpredictable situation with the pandemic, and in the context of a general sense of confusion, we felt that the kindest and most sensible response was to remove as much uncertainty as possible. . .

So won't be offering any live in-person teaching until next year (2022) at the very earliest.

We shall continue to offer our teachings live online, and in our virtual learning environments. We trust this makes things simpler and safer.

We have a duty of care to our students, clients and associates, and our ethical responsibilities to you all have led us to make this decision.

We also have many personal reasons to do with our family situation which require great caution in the current times. Nirlipta is on the high risk category for Covid. We are also living with and caring for elderly parents, aged eighty, eighty-two and ninety-two. Two of Nirlipta's siblings currently have Covid, his stepmother died of Covid at the beginning of March and two of his cousins, both doctors treating patients with Covid, fatally succumbed to it, one in late January and the other last September. Some of our associates and students have caught Covid, and some of them have had close relatives and partners who have died from having caught it. We have literally lost count of the numbers of our neighbours in Stroud, or members of their families, and of our wider network of friends who have also been very ill with Covid.

We don't know enough about what will be happening in the future, and so are going to err heavily on the side of caution by not taking risks ourselves to spread or catch the virus, nor will we put our students and associates in similar predicaments. We realise that not everyone is in agreement with this view. However, we feel it would be irresponsible and unethical for us not to take all available steps to minimise the spread of infection.

This is why we shall not be teaching in live face to face settings until the Covid situation is clearly and unambiguously settled, which seems likely to not be for some time.

We would like to thank everyone for their enquiries as to when we'll be back in person. The short answer is, when it's all over. This is evidently going to take some time. In the meantime, we have been seriously expanding and investing in our online teaching. We believe our online provision is excellent and unique.

We're not stopping work, yet while we would dearly love to be teaching face to face again, we feel that putting other people's health at risk unnecessarily is not the way to go about doing so. So, that's why for the time being we shall be teaching exclusively online.

We would like to thank you for your understanding and patience, to wish you well and to offer hope that you keep safe in these times of sea change. Ride the tide, go with the flow, don't fight the sea.

With Great Respect and Love.