The Living Theory Conference

20 - 21 November 2021
Online

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“Truth shall spring out of the earth”: Clinical implications of the notion of psychoanalytic intuition
November 21, 2021 - Sunday

13.45 – 14.00 – Welcome Back

14.00 – 16.30 – Panel 3

Judy K. Eekhoff  Robert Caper  Leopoldo Bleger

In defense of hope  What do we find when we try to psychoanalyze severely disturbed patients and what can we do About it?  Conditions of clinical practice (and training) and the conception of the psychoanalytic treatment

16.30 – 17.00 – Break

17.00 – 18.30 – Panel 4

Sebastian Thrul  Steven Jaron  Teresa Abreu & Csongor Juhos

Who let the tigers out to kill all the lovers? Psychoanalysis at the end of the end of history  The interpretation of birds  Bridges

18.30 – 18.45 – Closing Session

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Speakers

Anne Alvarez

Anne Alvarez, Ph.D., M.A.C.P., trained as a Clinical Psychologist in Canada and the USA before training as a Child and Adolescent Psychotherapist in the UK. She is an honorary Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychotherapist (and retired Co-Convener of the Autism Service), Child and Family Dept., Tavistock Clinic, London. She is author of Live Company: Psychotherapy with Autistic, Borderline, Deprived and Abused Children, and has edited with Susan Reid, Autism and Personality: Findings from the Tavistock Autism Workshop. A book in her honor, edited by Judith Edwards, entitled Being Alive: Building on the Work of Anne Alvarez was published in 2002. She was Visiting Professor at the San Francisco...
Psychoanalytic Society in November 2005. Anne Alvarez has for many years been an appreciated teacher and supervisor in Stockholm, Oslo, Copenhagen and Helsinki.

Avner Bergstein

Avner Bergstein is a training and supervising psychoanalyst and faculty member of the Israel Psychoanalytic Society. He works in private practice with adults, adolescents and children and has worked for several years at a kindergarten for children with autism. He has authored numerous papers and book chapters elaborating on the clinical implications of the writings of Bion and Meltzer and his papers are translated into many languages including German, French, Italian, Spanish and Portuguese. He is author of the book *Bion and Meltzer’s Expeditions into Unmapped Mental Life: Beyond the Spectrum in Psychoanalysis*. He conducts reading seminars internationally focusing on the writings of these two authors.

Howard Levine

Howard Levine is a member of APSA, PINE, the Contemporary Freudian Society, on the faculty of the NYU Post-Doc Contemporary Freudian track, on the editorial boards of the International Journal of Psychoanalysis and Psychoanalytic Inquiry, editor-in-chief of the Routledge Wilfred Bion Studies Book Series, and in private practice in Brookline, Massachusetts. He has authored many articles, book chapters, and reviews on psychoanalytic process and technique and the treatment of primitive personality disorders. His co-edited books include *On Freud's Screen Memories* (Karnac, 2014); *The Wilfred Bion Tradition* (Karnac, 2016); *André Green Revisited: Representation and the Work of the Negative* (Karnac, 2018); *Psychoanalysis and Covidian Life* (Ithaque, Phoenix Publishing House, Bucher, 2021). He is the author of *Transformations de l’irreprésentable* (Ithaque, 2019) and the forthcoming *Affect, Representation and Language: Between the Silence and the Cry* (Routledge).

Joshua Durban

Joshua Durban, is a Clinical Psychologist and a Training and Supervising Child and Adult Psychoanalyst at the Israeli Psychoanalytic Society and Institute, Jerusalem, and faculty member of Sackler School of Medicine, Tel Aviv University, The Psychotherapy Program. He works in private psychoanalytic practice in Tel Aviv with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and psychotic children and adults. He is the founder of the Israeli Psychoanalytic Inter-Disciplinary Forum for the study of ASD.

Judy K. Eekhoff

Judy K. Eekhoff, PhD FIPA is an IPA certified training and supervising psychoanalyst and a licensed child psychologist who has a private practice in Seattle, Washington, USA.
She is a full faculty member of Northwestern Psychoanalytic Society & Institute, of Seattle Psychoanalytic Society and Institute and of COR Northwest Family Development Center. She is the author of numerous articles and book chapters and of the book: Trauma & Primitive Mental States, An Object Relations Perspective. Her second book, Bion and Primitive Mental States is due out from Routledge in 2021.

Leopoldo Bleger

Leopoldo Bleger left Argentina in 1976, where he trained as a doctor and psychiatrist, and has since been living in Paris. He is a “supervisor analyst” [we do not have “training analysts”] of the French Association of Psychoanalysis (AFP). He has published several articles on the work of Melanie Klein, Psychoanalysis in Rio de la Plata (Argentina and Uruguay) and on methodological problems in psychoanalysis. He is a member of the WP on the Specificity of Psychoanalytic Treatment Today. He was secretary general of the European Federation from 2012 to 2016 and president of his Society from 2017-2019.

Ofra Eshel

Ofra Eshel is a training and supervising analyst and faculty member of the Israel Psychoanalytic Society and Institute, and member of IPA. Vice-president of the International Winnicott Association. Founder and head of the post-graduate track “Independent Psychoanalysis: Radical Breakthroughs” at the Sackler Faculty of Medicine, Tel-Aviv University. She received the Leonard J. Comess Fund grant at the New Center for Psychoanalysis (Los Angeles, 2011), the David Hammond grant at the Massachusetts Institute for Psychoanalysis (Boston, 2016), was a visiting scholar at the Psychoanalytic Institute of North California (San Francisco, 2013), visiting lecturer and supervisor at the advanced International training program in Winnicott’s psychoanalysis (Beijing, China, 2018), the lecturer of the Psychoanalytic Center of California's 8th Annual Wilfred Bion Conference (Los Angeles, 2018), and was the Robert Stoller Lecture speaker (Los Angeles, 2021). She was awarded the 2013 Frances Tustin International Memorial Prize, and the 2017 Symonds Prize. She is co-editor of Was It or Was It Not? When Shadows of Sexual Abuse Emerge in Psychoanalytic Treatment (Carmel, 2017), and author of The Emergence of Analytic Oneness: Into the Heart of Psychoanalysis (Routledge, 2019).

Riccardo Lombardi

Riccardo Lombardi is a psychoanalyst, psychiatrist and doctor of medicine. He has a full-time private practice in Rome and teaches at the Roman Psychoanalytic Institute of IPA. He is a Training and Supervising Analyst at the Italian Psychoanalytic Society. He co-edited the book Psychoanalysis of the Psychoses: Current Developments in Theory and Practice (Routledge, 2019). He is the author of Formless Infinity: Clinical Explorations of Matte Blanco and Bion (Routledge, 2016) and The Body-Mind Dissociation in Psychoanalysis: Development after Bion (Routledge, 2017).
Robert Caper

Robert Caper received his medical training at the UCLA School of Medicine and his psychoanalytic training (in Los Angeles) from a group of London Kleinians including Hanna Segal, Betty Joseph, Elizabeth Spillius, James Grotstein, Donald Meltzer and Wilfred Bion. He is a former member of the editorial boards of the International Journal of Psychoanalysis and the Journal of the American Psychoanalytic Association, and is the author of a number of papers on psychoanalytic theory and technique, as well as four books: A Mind of One’s Own, Immaterial Facts, Bion and Thoughts to Deep for Words and, Building Out Into the Dark. He currently teaches and practices in New York City and in Vermont.

Sebastian Thrul

Sebastian Thrul is a psychiatrist and psychoanalyst in training in Germany and Switzerland with the German Psychoanalytical Society (DPG). His main clinical interest is the application of psychoanalytic technique to work within the health care system and for a wide variety of patients. As one of the hosts of the podcast New Books in Psychoanalysis and an active member of the International Psychoanalytical Studies Organization, he has a special focus on international comparative psychoanalysis.

Steven Jaron

Steven Jaron trained with the Psychoanalytic Society for Research and Training in Paris. He is on the staff of the 15-20 National Ophthalmological Hospital and works in private practice, also in Paris. He holds a PhD in French and Comparative Literature from Columbia University and is the author of Zoran Music: voir jusqu’au cœur des choses (L’Echoppe, 2008). His essays have also appeared in the Libres Cahiers pour la Psychanalyse and Bacon and the Mind: Art, Neuroscience and Psychology (Thames and Hudson, 2019).

Teresa Abreu & Csongor Juhos

Teresa Abreu e Csongor Juhos are clinical psychologists and analysts in training at the Portuguese Psychoanalytical Society. They are co-founders of the Free Association Lisbon. They work in private practice in Lisbon.
Registration

The Living Theory Conference is an online event held in English.

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https://www.freeassociation.pt/living-theory-conference

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