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Subject: New 2023 online lectures organized by The FTMT: Dr. Marie Christine Laznik, Dr. Nilofer Kaul

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**The
FRANCES TUSTIN
Memorial Trust**

Dear colleagues,

**Please distribute this mail to your colleagues, supervisees,
candidates in your society/institute,**

**We are glad to announce the new two lectures in the online series
of lectures organized by The Frances Tustin Memorial Trust:**

**1. On Sunday, February 12th, 2023, at 20:30 (Jerusalem time) Dr.
Marie Christine Laznik (France) will present her lecture:**

[Transdisciplinary treatment of an infant at risk of autism](#)

Abstract: In this lecture the treatment of Enrico is presented, including many session fragments which have been filmed. Having an autistic brother, Enrico was considered at high risk of developing autism. In such cases of high risk very

early interventions are essential. The boy's development was indeed impaired, he had difficulties sucking due to a double frenulum of the tongue, a dislocated jaw and very poor general movements. The study of these movements has recently been shown (in Nature, 2022) to be capable of assessing a risk of autism as the C. H. A. T. does at 18 months.

The work presented is that of an osteopath, a sensorimotor- integration specialist and a psychoanalyst who collaborated since the boy was 3 months old. He is now 5 years old and has no sequelae.

The lecture is of great interest also for therapists and analysts who work with adults and children who are not at risk of developing autism, since it presents a fascinating understanding of early development and of very special interventions made at a very early age which have long term implications on later development.

Dr. Marie Christine Laznik is a psychoanalyst, member of the International Lacanian Association (À. L. I.), author of numerous books and articles on autism. She is also a researcher and has published several scientific articles on autism. She authored the signs of risk of autism at 4 and 9 months for the so-called PREAUT grid.

Registration is open till Wednesday, February the 8th, 2023 at midnight (Jerusalem time). Please respect this deadline. The link to zoom is sent on Saturday, one day before the lecture.

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2. On Sunday, April 23rd, 2023, at 20:30 (Jerusalem time) Dr. Nilofer Kaul (India) will present her lecture:

Of shells and carapaces: The emerging and crumbling of microcalcifications

Abstract: For Tustin (1986), the autistic armory was often a response to precocious separateness. This staggering experience required a rustling up of a pseudo-independence, ahead of time. The world of autistic disconnection has been brought alive for us with images of shells, carapaces, and exoskeletons. This helped distinguish shell-type autism, from entangled and confusional type of autism. In doing so, intrusiveness, hardness, rigidity, darkness become attributes charged with a different immediacy in the writings of Tustin, Meltzer and others. The language of shells opens up a “level of functioning” that expanded an understanding of the autistic functioning. This paper will discuss some encounters with the autistic part of the personality (Alvarez, 2010) which

tends to fortify itself with crustacean armor, against crumbling, leaking and falling. This can be observed in the micromovements of sessions.

The lecture does not look at the historical formation of shells as much as it observes the “microfractures of communication” (Ferro 1993; Civitarese 2008) in order to see different sorts of calcifications emerge and crumble in almost imperceptible movements. This would need us to look not at the larger history of separateness, but at the micro-rejections that are the stuff of intimate encounters.

Dr. Nilofer Kaul is a training and supervising psychoanalyst based in New Delhi, India. Till recently she taught English Literature at a college in Delhi University. She published articles in the *Psychoanalytic Review* and the *British Journal of Psychotherapy*. She has also contributed articles to edited volumes *On Regret* and *On Arrogance*. In 2018, she won the Frances Tustin Memorial Prize for her paper ‘Parasitism: An Autistic Island’ which she also presented in Warsaw at the Frances Tustin International Conference, 2022. She published her book *Plato’s Ghost: Minus Links and Liminality in Psychoanalytic Practice* in 2021 with Phoenix, UK.

Registration is open till Wednesday, April the 19th, 2023 at midnight (Jerusalem time). Please respect this deadline. The link to zoom is sent on Saturday, one day before the lecture.

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Bios and pictures of Dr. Marie Christine Laznik and Dr. Nilofer Kaul are **attached** to this mail.

We would also like to remind you that the deadline for submission of papers for The Frances Tustin Memorial Prize is April 1st, 2023. For details please see our website:

<http://www.frances-tustin-autism.org/>

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Very warmly and best wishes for the new year,

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