



PSYCHOANALYSIS AND POLITICS

SHARED TRAUMAS, SILENT LOSS, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE MOURNING

AUTUMN SYMPOSIUM IN LONDON 19th and 20th of OCTOBER 2012

Venue: British Psychoanalytical Society, 112a Shirland Road

The symposium questions the junctions of the private and the public when it comes to trauma, loss and the work of mourning, which challenge our very notions of the individual and the shared, asking: What do we mean by working through the past?

Confirmed speakers:

DAVID BELL, *President, British Psychoanalytical Society, UK: "The Psychoanalyst in the Immigration Court"*

JULIA BOROSSA, *Director of the Centre for Psychoanalysis, Middlesex University, UK: "Violence, Trauma and Masculinity: Compromise Formations of Mourning and Survival in Contemporary Lebanese Literature"*

LUCIA CORTI, *Senior Lecturer in Psychoanalysis, Department of Health and Social Sciences, University of Middlesex, UK: "The Found Children of the Disappeared: Recovered Identities"*

FERENC ERŐS, *Professor, Doctoral School of Psychology, postgraduate programme in psychoanalytic theory, University of Pécs, Hungary: "'Postmemory Syndrome' in New Hungarian Literature"*

KARL FIGLIO, *Professor, Centre for Psychoanalytic Studies, University of Essex, UK: "The Differences between Public and Private Mourning"*

JANE FRANCES, *PhD stud. Essex/UKCP psychotherapist/education policy adviser at Changing Faces, UK: "Trauma, Dis-integration and stasis – Simplification and Perpetual Conflict"*

PETER MORALL, *University of Leeds, UK/Mike Hazelton, University of Newcastle, Australia/Bill Shackleton, West Yorkshire Police (retired): "Psychotherapy and Social Responsibility: Homicide"*

MARGARITA PALACIOS, *Senior Lecturer, Department of Psychosocial Studies, Birkbeck University of London, UK: "Decolonizing Trauma and the Ethics of Anxious Witnessing"*

VIC SEIDLER, *Emeritus Professor of Sociology, Goldsmiths, University of London, UK: title TBA*

JUDIT SZEKACS-WEISZ, *Psychoanalyst, British and Hungarian Society, London, UK: title TBA*

PSYCHOANALYSIS AND POLITICS is a conference series that aims to address how crucial contemporary political issues may be fruitfully explored through psychoanalytic theory, and vice versa: how political issues may reflect back on psychoanalytic thinking. The series is interdisciplinary; we invite theoretical contributions and historical, literary or clinical case studies from philosophers, sociologists, psychoanalysts, psychotherapists, group analysts, literary theorists, historians and others. Perspectives from different psychoanalytic schools are most welcome. We emphasise room for discussion among the presenters and participants, thus the symposium series creates a space where representatives of different perspectives come together and engage with one another's contributions, participating in a community of thought.

The conference fee, which includes lunch and dinner Friday and Saturday, is £ 155. To sign up, please e-mail: psychoanalysis.politics@gmail.com

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