



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?

Friday 19th 9.00-9.30 Opening address

9.30-10.30 JUDIT SZEKACS-WEISZ – Separation in Exile

10.40-11.40 LENE AUESTAD – Time and Memory

11.50-12.50 JONATHAN DAVIDOFF – To Mend the World: Trauma and Conainment

12.50-02.00 Lunch

2.00 – 3.00 KARL FIGLIO – The Differences between Public and Private Mourning

3.10-4.10 JANE FRANCES – Trauma, Dis-integration and stasis – Simplification and Perpetual Conflict

4.20-5.30 JULIA BOROSSA – Violence, Trauma and Masculinity: Compromise Formations of Mourning and Survival in Contemporary Lebanese Literature

5.40-7.00 Group reflection session, conducted by SVEIN TJELTA

Saturday 20th

9.30-10.30 DAVID BELL – The Psychoanalyst in the Immigration Court

10.40-11.40 FERENC ERÓS – Postmemory Syndrome' in New Hungarian Literature

11.50-12.50 MARGARITA PALACIOS – Decolonizing Trauma and the Ethics of Anxious Witnessing

12.50-2.00 Lunch

2.00-3.00 PETER MORRALL – Psychotherapy and Social Responsibility: Homicide

3.10-4.10 LUCIA CORTI – The Found Children of the Disappeared: Recovered Identities

4.20-5.30 VIC SEIDLER – title TBA

5.40-7.00 General discussion, feedback, about future conferences

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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