

Contagion, Containment and Staying Connected: A Virtual Conference

All the sessions at this virtual conference will include short papers with plenty of time for discussion between the speakers, the chair and members of the virtual audience. We hope you will join in and help us to make this a truly interactive experience

Friday 27 November 2020

- 15.30 - 17.00 Pre-registered clinical seminar with David Tuckett
- 18.00 - 19.45 Pre-registered clinical seminars with Irma Brenman Pick, Donald Campbell, Peter Fonagy, Francesca Hume, Jane Milton, Rosine Jozef Perelberg, Vic Sedlak, David Taylor and Rudi Vermote

Saturday 28 November 2020

- 08.30 - 09.00 Online Registration**
- 09.00 - 09.10 Welcome and Introduction**
David Taylor (British Psychoanalytical Society, Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust, University College London, UK) and Liz Allison (British Psychoanalytical Society, University College London, UK)
- 09.10 - 10.40 Session 1, The World Turned Upside Down**
Chaired by David Taylor (British Psychoanalytical Society, Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust, University College London, UK)
- Love, Persecution and Reparation during the Pandemic**
Jane Milton (British Psychoanalytical Society, UK)
- Discussion from the floor
- 'Shielding' in a Garden of Eden: a psychic retreat in lockdown**
Francesca Hume (British Psychoanalytical Society, UK)
- Discussion from the floor
- 10.40 - 11.10 COFFEE BREAK IN THE VIRTUAL FOYER**
- 11.10 - 12.25 Parallel Paper Panels**
Please choose **one** of the panel sessions below
- Panel 1: The Foundations of Object Relations as Experienced in Remote Work with Infants, Children, and Mothers**
Chair: Christine English (British Psychoanalytical Society and University College London, UK)

Double sensory deprivation: Online supervision of an Online Observation

Gianna Williams (British Psychoanalytical Society, UK), and Gil Son I (Moscow Psychoanalytic Society, Russia)

Behind the Screen: Are We Too Detached To Explore Attachment?

Remote-working in parent-infant psychotherapy

Dr. Nidhita Singh (South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust, UK), and Dr. Anne Ward (South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust, UK and British Psychoanalytical Society, UK)

On being touched: Psychotherapy with a five year old boy and his mother

Becky Hall (Association of Child Psychotherapists and British Psychoanalytic Association, UK)

Panel 2: Two Effects of the Covid-19 Pandemic on Thinking and Working Psychoanalytically

Chair: David Bell (British Psychoanalytic Society, and Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust, UK)

Psychic survival-of-the-object in the context of Covid-19

Jan Abram (British Psychoanalytical Society, UK)

Therapeutic Zeal versus Epistemophilic Enquiry in Corona times

Claudia Frank (German Psychoanalytical Association, Germany)

Panel 3: Losing the brick mother but keeping the organization in mind: Working with severely ill patients in the time of Covid

Chair: Kate Pugh (British Psychoanalytical Society, and Central and North West London NHS Trust, UK)

Dr. Miriam Barrett (British Psychoanalytic Society, Consultant Psychiatrist in Medical Psychotherapy and Cassel Hospital Inpatient Lead, UK)

Panel 4: Five Uneasy Pieces: Analytic work in the shadow of Covid-19

Chair: Vic Sedlak (British Psychoanalytical Society, UK)

Donald Campbell (British Psychoanalytical Society, UK), Dr. Eileen McGinley (British Psychoanalytical Society, UK), Dr. Tobias Nolte (British Psychoanalytical Society, University College London and Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families, UK), Dr. Joan Schachter (British Psychoanalytical Society, UK), and Dr. Rachel Sharp (British Psychoanalytical Society, UK)

12.25 - 13.30

LUNCH BREAK

- 13.00 - 13.30** **Lunchtime film screening of ‘The Empty Couch: Love and Mourning in Times of Confinement’ by Rosine Jozef Perelberg**
Introduced and chaired by Liz Allison (British Psychoanalytical Society, University College London, UK)
- 13.30 - 15.00** **Session 2: The Covid enigma: Minding the gap of our ignorance**
Chaired by David Tuckett (British Psychoanalytical Society, University College London, UK)
- A Covid state of mind**
Rudi Vermote (Belgian Psychoanalytical Association, Belgium)
- Discussion from the floor
- Fragmentation and containment: Setting and surround**
Howard B. Levine (PINE Psychoanalytic Center, American Psychoanalytic Association, New York University, USA)
- Discussion from the floor
- 15.00 – 15.30** **COFFEE BREAK IN THE VIRTUAL FOYER**
- 15.30 - 17.00** **Session 3: Psychoanalytic Reflections on the Burden of Race**
Chaired by Liz Allison (British Psychoanalytical Society, University College London, UK)
- Formulating Black Rage during the pandemic: Surviving the latent and manifest destructiveness in enduring Otherness**
Beverly J. Stoute, M.D (Emory University Psychoanalytic Institute, New York Psychoanalytic Institute, Institute for Psychoanalytic Training and Research (IPTAR), and Atlanta Psychoanalytic Society, USA)
- Discussion from the floor
- Obstacles to Diversity**
Fakhry Davids (British Psychoanalytical Society, UK)
- Discussion from the floor
- 17.00 – 17.15** **BREAK**
- 17.15 - 18.30** **What’s Going On?**
Mervyn King (New York University and Former Governor of the Bank of England) in conversation with David Tuckett (British Psychoanalytical Society, University College London, UK)
- The conversation will focus on how better understanding of radical

uncertainty, narrative and emotion can help us understand the economic and policy aspects of the COVID crisis and what we need to learn from it and the Global Financial Crisis.

18.30 – 19.30 **VIRTUAL DRINKS RECEPTION**

Sunday 29 November 2020

10.30 - 12.00 **Session 4, The Setting Unsettled**
Chaired by Peter Fonagy (British Psychoanalytical Society, University College London, the Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families, UK)

The Empty Couch: Love and Mourning in Times of Confinement
Rosine Jozef Perelberg (British Psychoanalytical Society, UK)

Discussion from the floor

Where is the dog in the room?

A paper by Caroline Polmear (British Psychoanalytical Society, UK), read by Liz Allison and discussed by Julia Fabricius (Training Analyst and Former President of the BPAS British Psychoanalytical Society, UK)*

Discussion from the floor

12.00 - 13.00 **BREAK**

13.00 - 14.30 **Final Plenary and closing reflections**
Hosted by David Taylor, Peter Fonagy and Liz Allison with invited commentary from William C. Glover, PhD, President of the American Psychoanalytic Association

*Caroline Polmear has had to withdraw from active participation in the conference due to illness, but we are delighted that she has graciously agreed to allow the paper she had already prepared to be read on her behalf by Liz Allison and discussed by Julia Fabricius.