

**The Irish Forum for Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy & The Irish Forum
for Child and Adolescent Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy Present**

**The 'Sibling Trauma' and Its Effects:
A Clinical Seminar & Public Lecture with Juliet Mitchell**



SATURDAY 8 MAY 2010, 9.15 am-5.00 pm

**MARINO INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION CONFERENCE CENTRE
Griffith Avenue, Dublin 9**

SPEAKER

*Professor Juliet Mitchell PhD is a full member of the British and the International Psychoanalytical Societies. She is Director of the Expanded Doctoral School in Psychoanalytic Studies at University College London's Psychoanalysis Unit. She is Founder Director of the Centre of Gender Studies at the University of Cambridge, a Research Fellow in the Department of Human Geography, University of Cambridge and Fellow Emeritus of Jesus College, University of Cambridge. She is the author of *Siblings: Sex and Violence* (Polity 2003); *Mad Men and Medusas: Reclaiming Hysteria* (Penguin and Basic Books 2000); *Psychoanalysis and Feminism: A Radical Reassessment of Freudian Psychoanalysis* (Allen Lane 1974); and *Women: The Longest Revolution: Essays on Feminism, Literature and Psychoanalysis* (Virago and Pantheon Books 1974). She is the editor of *The Selected Melanie Klein* (The Free Press 1987); (with Michael Parsons) *Before I Was I: Psychoanalysis and the Imagination* (papers by Enid Balint; Free Association Books and Guilford Press 1992); (with Jacqueline Rose) *Feminine Sexuality: Jacques Lacan and the 'Ecole Freudienne'* (W.W. Norton and Pantheon Books 1985); (with Ann Oakley) *Who's Afraid of Feminism?* (Penguin and the New Press 1997); (with Ann Oakley) *What Is Feminism?* (Blackwells and Pantheon Books 1986); and (with Ann Oakley) *The Rights and Wrongs of Women* (Penguin and Pantheon Books 1977).*

Further information about Juliet Mitchell's publications can be found on the following website: http://www.ucl.ac.uk/psychoanalysis/unit-staff/juliet_publications.htm

VENUE

This seminar will take place in the Marino Institute of Education, Griffith Avenue, Dublin 9. A map of the venue is available here: <http://www.mie.ie/getdoc/ceb46bb2-a20a-4533-82f4-736b0c317866/MIE-Campus-Plan.aspx> Directions to the venue, including details of public transport can be downloaded here: <http://www.mie.ie/getdoc/24d11eaf-50a9-4084-95ea-80fdf67c65d5/Where-we-are.aspx> Complimentary car-parking facilities are available.

TEA AND COFFEE/ LUNCH

Complimentary tea and coffee will be available upon registration and at the two breaks during the day. We regret that we are not in a position to provide lunch. There are however facilities for lunch available in the conference venue and within walking distance of Marino College of Education.

SCHEDULE

Part 1: Theoretical Considerations

9.15-9.45 am	<i>Registration/ Tea and Coffee</i>
9.45-9.55 am	<i>Welcome and Opening Remarks by Pat Holley (Chair, Irish Forum for Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy)</i>
9.55-10.30 am	<i>Juliet Mitchell, 'The "Sibling Trauma" and Its Effects'</i>
10.30-11.00 am	<i>Discussion chaired by Ann Murphy (Irish Forum for Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy)</i>
11.00-11.30 am	<i>Tea and Coffee Break</i>
11.30 am-12.30 pm	<i>Juliet Mitchell, 'Some Clinical Considerations on the Schreber Case'</i>
12.30-1.00 pm	<i>Discussion chaired by Ann Murphy</i>
1.00-2.00 pm	<i>Lunch</i>

Part 2: Clinical Considerations

2.00-3.00 pm	<i>Clinical Presentation by Michelle Sludds-Hickey</i>
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(Irish Forum for Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy),
in conversation with **Juliet Mitchell** and chaired
by **Pat Holley**

- 3.00-3.45 pm** Formulation of Questions/ Ideas for Discussion:
Small Groups facilitated by **Sherry Doyle** (Irish Forum for Child and Adolescent Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy), **Conor Maguire** (Irish Forum for Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy), **Mary Pyle** (Irish Forum for Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy) and **Rob Weatherill** (Association for Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy in Ireland, Irish Forum for Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy and the College of Psychoanalysts in Ireland)
- 3.45-4.15 pm** Tea and Coffee Break
- 4.15-5.00 pm** Discussion of Group Ideas: **Sherry Doyle, Conor Maguire, Juliet Mitchell, Mary Pyle and Rob Weatherill**. Chaired by **Mary Pyle**
- 5.00 pm** Thanks and Closing Remarks by **Pat Holley**

DESCRIPTIONS OF JULIET MITCHELL'S LECTURES

'The "Sibling Trauma" and Its Effects'

This lecture argues that siblings, contrary to many claims, are in fact widely observed within psychoanalysis. The problem is that they are excluded from the theory which is based around the vertical premises of the Oedipus complex. Observation without theory has little staying-power. A theory needs a generic situation: what of the 'only' child? I propose and explain why I believe the 'sibling trauma' applies to everyone. What is this trauma and what are its effects?

'Some Clinical Observations on the Schreber Case'

This lecture uses Sigmund Freud's famous case of Schreber to read siblings into the case history: Schreber's psychiatrist as brother in the paranoia rather than God as his father in his redemption fantasy. Freud privileges Schreber's 'desire' and its prohibitions where I re-read the case through Freud's own later emphasis on trauma and on 'constructions' rather than interpretations in therapeutic work.

RECOMMENDED READING

Delegates should familiarise themselves with Sigmund Freud's commentary on the Schreber case. Juliet Mitchell has also recommended two of her articles for people interested in reading more about the theme of the seminar before or after the event.

ORGANISERS

This event is jointly organised by the Irish Forum for Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy and the Irish Forum for Child and Adolescent Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy. Further information about the Irish Forum for Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy can be found here: <http://www.ifpp.org> Further information about the members of the Irish Forum for Child and Adolescent Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy can be found on the website for the Irish Council for Psychotherapy: <http://www.psychotherapy-ireland.com>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Further information upcoming events organised by the Irish Forum for Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy and the Irish Forum for Child and Adolescent Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy can be obtained from Ann Daly (amdps@indigo.ie) or by visiting <http://www.ifpp.org>