

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

**CLINICAL PERSPECTIVES ON NEW SUBJECTIVITIES:  
IMPLICATIONS FOR PRACTICE**  
*A Clinical Seminar with Rob Weatherill*



**Saturday 24 September 2011 @ 10.00 am-1.00 pm**

*Carmel Room, First Floor\*  
Carmelite Community Centre  
56 Aungier Street, Dublin 2*

*\* Please note: The Carmel Room is not wheelchair accessible*

**CLINICAL SEMINAR SERIES 2011-2012**

This seminar forms part of a new clinical seminar series convened by the Irish Forum for Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy (IFPP) and the Irish Forum for Child and Adolescent Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy (IFCAPP). The clinical seminar series offers an opportunity for psychoanalytic psychotherapists, trainees and those from other organisations and related fields (such as psychology, psychiatry, counselling) working with patients to come together to discuss matters relating to clinical practice. Each seminar features an experienced psychoanalytic psychotherapist or psychoanalyst who will begin by giving a short lecture on her/his clinical work, followed by ample time for questions and discussion. After a tea and coffee break, delegates will return for an hour-long clinical discussion on the theme of the seminar facilitated by the guest speaker. Each speaker will recommend an article on the theme of her/his seminar which will offer an introduction to some of the

issues which will be discussed. Articles are available electronically in advance of the seminar, upon receipt of the booking form and registration fee. **There are a limited number of places available so early registration is advised.**

### **CPD POINTS**

This seminar has been awarded 3 CPD points by the Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy section of the Irish Council for Psychotherapy (ICP).

### **LECTURE**

This lecture will explore some of the difficulties presented by the so-called 'new subjectivities' generated in the post-modern world of the virtual where nothing is real. The lecture will firstly outline how radical this change has been and move on to consider the entirely open question as to how the analyst should position herself in relation to the analysand in a world of total and rapid flux? How should we intervene in cases of, what Sigmund Freud called, actual neurosis: panic attacks, self-harm, suicide and para-suicide, autism, deficit disorders, borderline conditions, eating disorders, ordinary psychosis and so on? At the very least we need Jacques Lacan AND Melanie Klein. And we need trainings and supervision that include both modalities. Many examples will illustrate these points in order to elicit discussion.

*'The outward signs of barbarism which threaten to trivialise our schools, which demean the level of discourse in our politics, which cheapen the human word, are so strident as to make deeper currents almost impalpable'* (George Steiner, *After Babel: Aspects of Language and Translation* [Oxford: Oxford University Press 1975], p. 491).

### **SPEAKER**

Rob Weatherill's background is in education. He is a practising and supervisory analyst in Dublin, a member of all four psychoanalytic groupings in Ireland and a founder member of two. He has a Masters degree in psychotherapy from St Vincent's University Hospital, as well as the European Certificate in Psychotherapy. He currently teaches psychoanalysis on post-graduate courses at St Vincent's University College Hospital, Dublin and Trinity College Dublin. He has written four books and over thirty papers published in Ireland and abroad, as well as numerous smaller articles and reviews for the wider media. His interest has increasingly focused on the clinic in postmodernity. His most recent book is *Forgetting Freud? Is Psychoanalysis in Retreat?* It will be published later this year. His website is <http://www.criticalpsychoanalysis.com>

### **SCHEDULE**

10.00-10.10 Welcome and Opening Remarks  
10.10-10.50 Lecture by Rob Weatherill  
10.50-11.20 Questions and Discussion  
11.20-11.50 Tea and Coffee Break

11.50-12.50 Clinical Discussion Facilitated by Rob Weatherill  
12.50-13.00 Thanks and Closing Remarks

### RECOMMENDED READING

Rob Weatherill has suggested the following essays for those interested in attending this seminar:

1. Wilfred R. Bion, 'Attacks on Linking', *The International Journal of Psycho-Analysis* 40 (1959): 308-315.
2. Rob Weatherill, 'The Feral Child, the Broken Family and the Virtual World' in *Our Last Great Illusion: A Radical Psychoanalytical Critique of Therapy Culture* (Exeter: Imprint Academic 2004), pp. 49-74.
3. Philippe Lacadeé, 'The Singularity of Psychic Reality: Psychoanalysis Applied to a Case of Ordinary Psychosis' in 'The Name(s) of the Father', a special issue of *Psychoanalytical Notebooks: The London Society of the New Lacanian School* 15 (2008).

These papers are available as pdf files from Ann Daly: [amdps@indigo.ie](mailto:amdps@indigo.ie) upon registration.

### FURTHER SUGGESTED READING

1. Herbert Rosenfeld, *Impasse and Interpretation: Therapeutic and Anti-Therapeutic Factors in the Psychoanalytic Treatment of Psychotic, Borderline and Neurotic Patients* (London: Tavistock 1987). This book is available to read online for subscribers to Psychoanalytic Electronic Publishing (PEP): <http://www.pep-web.org>

### VENUE

This clinical seminar takes place in the Carmel Room on the first floor of the Carmelite Community Centre, 56 Aungier Street, Dublin 2 (next door to the Whitefriar Street Carmelite Church). Delegates can download directions to the venue by putting in a search for 'Carmelite Community Centre, Aungier Street, Dublin 2' at the following site: <http://www.maps.google.ie> Car-parking facilities are available in the Whitefriar Street Car Park at a cost of €2.50 per hour. The Stephen's Green Shopping Centre Car Park is also a short walk away.

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### TEA AND COFFEE

There is a coffee shop on the ground floor of the Carmelite Community Centre which sells tea, coffee and snacks at a reasonable price.

## **ORGANISERS**

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

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Further information about this and other upcoming events organised by the IFPP and the IFCAPP can be found at <http://www.ifpp.org>

## **REGISTRATION AND FURTHER INFORMATION**

To register, delegates should contact Ann Daly: [amdps@indigo.ie](mailto:amdps@indigo.ie)

The registration fee for the event is:

- \* €20 full members of the IFPP and the IFCAPP
- \* €25 non-members
- \* €10 associate members of the IFPP or the IFCAPP
- \* €10 students/trainees

Please complete the registration overleaf and send with your payment. Cheques, postal orders or bank drafts should be made payable to 'The Irish Forum for Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy' and posted to Ann Daly, 'Clinical Seminar Series 2011-2012', The Irish Forum for Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy, 73 Quinn's Road, Shankill, County Dublin.

Payment of the registration fee secures a place at the seminar. Include your name and email address as receipt of payment will be confirmed by email.

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