



TRAUMA, DESTRUCTION AND TRANSFORMATIVE POTENTIAL

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The CIPS Board is delighted to announce a co-sponsored Biennial Clinical Conference with NAPsaC, our North American Regional Association. The conference opens on Friday afternoon with a distinguished panel moderated by Alexandra Billinghamurst, Vice President of the IPA, featuring Maxine Anderson, MD, Fred Busch, PhD, Michael Diamond, PhD and Robert Pyles, MD.

The Clinical Conference is unique in that it focuses entirely on group process. Participants will meet in small groups with colleagues throughout the North American Region, where each member presents their material related to the theme of this year's conference. At the Plenary Session on Sunday, facilitators will summarize their groups' experience to the larger conference group. Discussion of the theme co-mingles with comments about the conference experience. This year's theme of "Trauma and Transformative Potential" will be further highlighted by the setting for the weekend at the Ritz Battery Park, in the shadow of the Twin Towers and the 9/11 Memorial Site.

Trauma, Destruction and Transformative Potential

Beginning with Freud's Preliminary Communication, the notion of trauma has played a central role in the discoveries of psychoanalysis. Trauma is a phenomenon that impacts both mind and body and may severely impair both psychological and physiological functioning. The post-traumatic breakdown in symbolic functioning is an important contribution of contemporary psychoanalysts. Many psychoanalysts now believe that storage on the sensorimotor level, and not in words, explains why traumatic material does not undergo the usual psychic transformation into stable representations.

Contemporary psychoanalysts consider trauma a concept that encompasses catastrophic events ranging from the personal to the societal. Trauma may constitute a response to either a single catastrophic event or to a series of stressful cumulative events. It may represent early emotional deprivations, or childhood abuse, but also—on a larger scale—it may represent war, genocide, torture, violent attack or rape.

Where conscious memories and words are not available to trauma victims, the analytic relationship may become the vehicle for the containment and transformation of dissociated fragments into meaningful representations. The analyst becomes the container of these fragments on multiple levels and through the transference-countertransference interplay, unformulated experience may be metabolized and understood. The emergence of affective states in this context becomes crucial toward creating a transformational, transitional space for understanding traumatic material on a symbolic level.

OVERALL PHILOSOPHY

The special dynamic of our groups affords each member an opportunity to participate equally. Each participant has an opportunity to present a vignette of a case and some process. Although we provide a theoretical topic and ask that the vignette be related to the topic, the emphasis of the conference is to create a safe environment to talk about clinical process, transference and countertransference.

THE GROUPS

Each group has a facilitator—the facilitators are from a variety of institutes. There are 6 or 7 people in each group with participants across a spectrum of institutes. The task of the facilitator is to try to make sure that everyone participates equally and feels comfortable.

SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS

CIPS is the acronym for the **Confederation of Independent Psychoanalytic Societies**. Since its formation, CIPS has been promoting the interest of the independent North American IPA societies and their members. CIPS member societies are: the Institute for Psychoanalytic Training and Research, the Los Angeles Institute and Society for Psychoanalysis, the Northwestern Psychoanalytic Society and Institute, and the Psychoanalytic Center of California. Through its Direct Member category, any IPA analyst may join CIPS, and participate in their popular teleconference Study Groups and biennial Clinical Conference.

NAPsaC is the acronym for the **North American Psychoanalytic Confederation**, an association of North American IPA Groups. It is a regional group whose principal function is to interface with other regional groups and the IPA, and to provide a forum for reports and discussions between IPA representatives and their North American constituents. The component societies of NAPsaC are: the American Psychoanalytic Association, the Canadian Psychoanalytic Society, the Contemporary Freudian Society, the Institute for Psychoanalytic Training and Research, the Los Angeles Institute and Society for Psychoanalysis, the Northwestern Psychoanalytic Society and Institute, the Psychoanalytic Institute of Northern California, and the Psychoanalytic Center of California.

PREPARATION

Please bring a vignette or vignettes preferably from an ongoing case. There are 8 hours of group meetings and typically you will have forty-five minutes to present with time for discussion.

Discussion is usually open and frank—sometimes made easier and even more interesting by the fact that most of your group will have varied experience and perspective.

**RITZ CARLTON
BATTERY PARK
MAY 16-18 2014**

Friday, May 16

3:00–4:00 Registration

4:00–6:30 Panel Discussion

 Welcome:
 Randi Wirth and Maureen Murphy

 Moderator:
 Alexandra Billingham

 Panel Speakers:
 Maxine Anderson, Fred Busch,
 Michael Diamond, Robert Pyles

6:30–7:30 Reception

Saturday, May 17

Clinical Conference Schedule:

8:00–8:45 Breakfast

9:00–12:00 Morning Clinical
 Group Session

12:00–1:00 Lunch

1:15–3:45 Afternoon Clinical
 Group Session

4:30–5:30 9/11 Memorial Visit
 with Speaker

7:00–8:30 Celebratory Cocktail
 Party at the Ritz

Sunday, May 18

8:00–8:45 Breakfast

9:00–10:45 Morning Clinical
 Group Session

11:00–12:00 Plenary Closing Event

ACCOMMODATIONS

Conference attendees will receive a special CIPS rate during the conference at the following hotels:

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123 Washington Street, New York, NY 10006

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