

**Announcing:
An International Conference
*Ronald Fairbairn and the Object Relations Tradition***

At the Freud Museum London

7th – 9th March 2014

*Co-sponsored by
The Freud Museum London, The International Psychotherapy Institute,
and Essex University.*

Ronald Fairbairn was the father of object relations theory, which now permeates modern psychoanalytic thought. He developed a distinctive psychology of dynamic structure that began with the infant's need for relationships, and in which mental structure is based upon the relations between ego-structures and the internal objects that result from introjection and psychic modification of these early relationships. This conference will outline the basics of Fairbairn's contribution, and then explore the ramification and development of these ideas to clinical work, and broadly to applications in modern psychoanalytic thinking.

Final Program

Friday evening, March 7, 6:00-8:30

6:00 Museum will open for registration and visiting museum

6:50 Welcome: Conference Organizers

7:00 – 8:30 Opening Panel

Internalization and the Status of Internal Objects

Norka Malberg: On Being Recognized

Viviane Green: Internal objects: Fantasy, Experience and History Intersecting?

David Scharff: Internal Objects and External Experience

Saturday, March 8, 9:00 – 6:30

9:00-9:45 Registration continues with coffee

9:45-11:00

Presentations

1) Marie Hoffman: Fairbairn and Religion

2) James Poulton: Philosophical Foundations of Fairbairn

3) Gal Gerson: Hegelian Themes in Fairbairn's Work

4) Discussion

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-12:50

Steven Levine: Fairbairn's Theory of the Visual Arts and its Influence

Jonathan Sklar: Discussion of Steven Levine's Presentation

12:50-2:15 Lunch

2:15-3:30

Presentations

1) Tamas Pataki: Wish Fulfillment and Fairbairn

2) Molly Ludlam: Fairbairn and the Couple: - Still a Creative Threesome?

3) Jill Scharff: Fairbairn's Clinical Theory

4) Discussion

3:30-4:00 Break

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Saturday, March 8, 9:00 – 6:30, continued

4:00 – 5:30 Panel

Psychic Growth

Lesley Caldwell Being at Home with One's Self: the Condition of Psychic Aliveness?

Anne Alvarez: Paranoid-Schizoid Position or Paranoid and Schizoid Positions?

Graham Clarke: Psychic Growth and Creativity

5:30-6:45

Wine and Cheese Reception

Fairbairn and the Object Relations Tradition (Karnac Books) on sale in museum shop

Sunday, March 9, 9:00 - 4:30

9:00-9:45 Coffee

9:45 -11:00

Presentations

1) Eleanore Armstrong-Perlman: The Zealots and the Blind: Sexual Abuse Scandals from Freud to Fairbairn

2) Carlos Rodriguez-Sutil: Fairbairn's Contribution to Understanding Personality Disorders

3) Valerie Sinason: Abuse, Trauma and Multiplicity

11:00 -11:30 Coffee break

11:30 -1:00

Presentations

1) Ruben Basili: Recent Work from Argentina's Espacio Fairbairn

2) Video Reflections on Fairbairn from Otto Kernberg and John Sutherland

3) Hilary Beattie: Fairbairn and Homosexuality: Personal Struggles amid Psychoanalytic Controversy

4) Discussion

1:00-2:15 Lunch

2:15-3:45 Panel

Groups, Social Issues and the Social Unconscious

Earl Hopper, Chair and Discussant

Julian Lousada: Psychoanalysis Goes to Market?

Stephen Frosh: What Passes, Passes By: Why the Psychosocial is Not (Just) Relational.

Ron Aviram: The Large Group in the Mind (With Special Reference to Prejudice, War, and Terrorism).

3:45 – 4:30

Closing Group Discussion

Drs. Clarke and Scharff, Co-Chairs

Conference Contributors

Anne Alvarez, PhD, M.A.C.P. Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychotherapist, London; author of *Live Company: Psychotherapy with Autistic, Borderline, Deprived and Abused Children* and *The Thinking Heart: Three Levels of Psychoanalytic Therapy with Disturbed Children*.

Eleanore M. Armstrong-Perlman, M.A. in Philosophy of Mind; Tavistock Qualification, Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy and Family Therapy. Former Chair, Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy Training; Former Theoretical Concepts Editor, *British Journal Psychiatry*.

Ron B. Aviram, Ph.D. Instructor in Clinical Psychology (Psychiatry) Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons; Clinical Supervisor, New York Presbyterian Hospital's doctoral internship. Psychoanalytic training, William Alanson White Institute. Author *The Relational Origins of Prejudice: A Convergence of Psychoanalytic and Social Cognitive Perspectives*.

Rubén Mario Basili, M.D. Psychiatry (University of Buenos Aires, honours degree), Full Member Training Analyst and Training Supervisor, Argentine Psychoanalytic Association (APA). Author, several books and papers published in Argentina and abroad. Founding Member and Coordinator, Espacio Fairbairn APA.

Hilary J. Beattie, Ph.D. Psychologist and psychoanalyst in private practice in New York City; Faculty, Columbia University Department of Psychiatry and Columbia Psychoanalytic Center. Research interests in psychoanalytic approaches to literature and the Scottish contribution to psychoanalysis.

Lesley Caldwell, Psychoanalyst, British Psychoanalytic Association; Private practice, London. Honorary Reader in the Psychoanalysis Unit at UCL where she organises the Interdisciplinary Programme and teaches on the Master's and doctoral programmes.

Graham Clarke Ph.D.: Visiting Fellow, Centre for Psychoanalytic Studies, University of Essex, U.K. Author of *Personal Relations Theory: Fairbairn, Macmurray and Suttie*. Co-Editor, *Fairbairn and the Object Relations Tradition*.

Stephen Frosh, Pro-Vice-Master and Professor, Department of Psychosocial Studies at Birkbeck, University of London. His most recent books are *Hauntings: Psychoanalysis and Ghostly Transmissions*; *A Brief Introduction to Psychoanalytic Theory*; *Psychoanalysis outside the Clinic*; and *Feelings*.

Gal Gerson, D.Phil.: Senior Lecturer, University of Haifa's School of Political Sciences. Publications on the history of liberalism, gender in political theory, and the interface between political thought and psychoanalytic theory.

Viviane Green: Adult, child and adolescent psychoanalytic psychotherapist working in English and French. Part time lecturer in the Department of Psychosocial Studies, Birkbeck College.

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Earl Hopper, PhD: Member, British Psychoanalytic Society; past president, International Group Psychotherapy Association; author, *The Social Unconscious* and *Traumatic Experiences in the Unconscious Life of Groups*.

Otto F. Kernberg, M.D., F.A.P.A.: Director, Personality Disorders Institute, New York Presbyterian Hospital, Westchester Division; Professor of Psychiatry, Weill Medical College of Cornell University; Past-President, International Psychoanalytic Association; Training and Supervising Analyst, Columbia University Center for Psychoanalytic Training and Research; author, 13 books and co-author of 12 others. His latest book is *The Inseparable Nature of Love and Aggression*.

Steven Z. Levine, PhD: Leslie Clark Professor in Humanities and Chair, Department of History of Art, Bryn Mawr College; Author of *Monet, Narcissus, and Self-Reflection: The Modernist Myth of the Self* and *Lacan Reframed: A Guide for the Arts Student*.

Julian Lousada: Psychoanalyst, BPA; Chair, British Psychoanalytic Council; former Clinical Director, the Adult Department, Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust.

Molly Ludlam: Psychoanalytic psychotherapist with couples, individuals, and parents at The Scottish Institute of Human Relations. Member, British Society of Couple Psychotherapists and Counsellors. Editor, the journal *Couple and Family Psychoanalysis*. Co-edited, with V. Nyberg, *Couple Attachments: Theoretical and Clinical Studies*.

Norka T. Malberg, DPsych: Associate Clinical Professor, Yale Child Study Center; Private Practice, New Haven Ct.; Senior Clinical Advisor and Trainer, Child FIRST. Member of Contemporary Freudian Society and Western New England Psychoanalytic Institute and Societies. President, Section II (Child and Adolescent) of Division 39 (Psychoanalytic Psychoanalysis) /American Psychological Association. Clinical Faculty, The Anna Freud Center.

Tamas Pataki: Honorary Senior Fellow, University of Melbourne (School of Historical and Philosophical Studies). Co-edited, with Michael Levine, *Racism in Mind*. Author: *Against Religion*, and the forthcoming *Wish-fulfillment in Psychoanalysis and Philosophy: The Tyranny of Desire*.

James L Poulton, Ph.D: psychologist in private practice, Salt Lake City; Adjunct Professor in Psychology, University of Utah; Faculty International Psychotherapy Institute, Washington, DC. Author, *Object Relations and Relationality in Couple Therapy*.

Carlos Rodríguez-Sutil, Ph.D.: President of the IPR (Relational Psychotherapy Institute) and member of the Board of IARPP-Spain. He has published more than 80 articles and books. Private practice.

David Scharff, MD: Chair and Former Director, The International Psychotherapy Institute, Washington, DC; Chair, Work Group on Family and Couple Psychoanalysis, International Psychoanalytic Association; 30 books and many articles, including (with Ellinor Fairbairn Birtles) *From Instinct to Self: Selected Writings of W.R.D Fairbairn*, and (with Graham Clarke) *Fairbairn and the Object Relations Tradition*. Editor, the journal *Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy in China*.

Jill Savege Scharff, M.D.: Co-founder, International Psychotherapy Institute (IPI); Founding chair and supervising analyst, International Institute for Psychoanalytic Training at IPI; Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, Georgetown University; psychoanalyst, couple and family therapist, Chevy Chase, Maryland; author and editor of 25 books, including *The Psychodynamic Image: The Work of John D. Sutherland on Self and Society*, and *The Legacy of Fairbairn and Sutherland*.

Valerie Sinason, Ph.D.: Director, Clinic for Dissociative Studies; President, Institute for Psychotherapy and Disability. Poet, writer, child and adult psychotherapist and adult psychoanalyst; former Consultant Psychotherapist, the Tavistock Clinic and St Georges Hospital. Edited *Trauma, Dissociation and Multiplicity*.

Jonathan Sklar, M.D.

John D. Sutherland, MD, PhD., Was Medical Director, The Tavistock Clinic, Founder, Scottish Institute of Human Relations; Editor, *International Journal of Psychoanalysis* and *The Library of Psychoanalysis*; Author, *Fairbairn's Journey to the Interior*.

Ivan Ward, Deputy Director and Head of Learning, The Freud Museum, London; Series Editor, *Ideas in Psychoanalysis* (Icon Books); His most recent publication is *Television and Psychoanalysis* (Karnac), co-edited with Caroline Bainbridge and Candida Yates.

Conference Information

The conference convenes at 6 pm on Friday, March 7 and ends at approximately 5 pm on Sunday, March 9. It will include a reception and sales of the book on Saturday, and an option for dinners at local London restaurants on Saturday afterwards.

Registration via the website

<http://www.freud.org.uk/shop/CONFERENCE--FAIRBAIRN-AND-OBJECT-RELATIONS.html>

Fee for the full conference is £130, and with lower student and member fees, as well as discounted one-day and evening-only registration. Please see the website for full information on fees. Members of the Freud Museum London, IPI and Essex University are eligible for these reductions.

Accommodation:

The Freud Museum London will send a list of local hotels upon request.

Continuing Education Credit

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