



The
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Tel Aviv University
Sackler Faculty of Medicine
Academic Center for Continuing Medical Education,
Program of Psychotherapy



Invite you to attend

**The 22nd Annual
Frances Tustin Memorial Prize & Lectureship**

**Friday November 15th, 8:30-15:15
Tel Aviv University, Lola Auditorium,
Sackler Faculty of Medicine**

Featuring

Dr. Louise Gyler (Sydney/Australia)

Presenting her prize winning paper

**“The Violence of the Real’ in Unrepresented Experience
with discussant: Dr. Suzanne Maiello (Rome/Italy)**

and an additional paper:

**“On the Edge: Dangerous Moments in Navigating Two-ness”
with discussant: Dr. Dana Amir (Haifa/Israel)**

Dr. Louise Gyler is the winner of the 22nd Frances Tustin Memorial Prize, 2019. She is a Child and Adult Training Analyst of the Australian Psychoanalytical Society where she chairs the Standing Committee for Child and Adolescent Psychoanalysis. She has published papers on gender and women and is the author of *The Gendered Unconscious: Can gender discourses subvert psychoanalysis?* (Routledge, 2010). In 2007, she won the IPA’s Ticho Charitable Foundation Lectureship Award (runner up) for her paper: “Who are you? Action, Play and ‘Working through’ in the analysis of a young child”.

Program Schedule:

8:30 - 9:00 - Registration and refreshments

First part - Chair: Alina Schellekes (Chair of The Frances Tustin Memorial Trust)

9:00 - 11:00 Welcome - Dr. Merav Roth (Chair of The Program of Psychotherapy, Tel Aviv)

Short Introduction - Alina Schellekes

- Dr. Judith Mitrani (founder and former chair of The Frances Tustin Memorial Trust)

Dr. Louise Gyler - Lecture: “The Violence of the Real’ in Unrepresented Experience

11:00 - 11:30 - Coffee Break

11:30 - 12:45 - Discussant: Dr. Suzanne Maiello

12:45 - 13:30 Lunch break and light meal will be served

Second part - Chair: Dr. Theodore Mitrani

13:30 -15:15 Dr. Louise Gyler - Lecture: On the Edge: Dangerous Moments in Navigating Two-ness

Discussant: Dr. Dana Amir

Closing Remarks - Alina Schellekes

Abstracts of lectures:

In the title of her prize winning paper, *'The Violence of the Real' in Unrepresented States*, Dr. Gyler borrows a phrase from Francis Bacon, used to explain his artistic intention to reinvent realism to make 'the violence of the real' or the 'brutality of the fact' visible as well as emotionally tangible. She uses this expression to emphasise both the sense of aliveness and the opposition to separateness that resides (mostly) in all of us. When the presence and absence of this emotional force cannot be represented for whatever reason, we are left with severe lacks and deficiencies in the capacities for verbalising, symbolising, employing projective identification and making emotional contact with another. This paper explores the clinical work with a patient who suffered these defects and existed in a silent autistic-like inner world. The patient remained mostly silent for many years of his long analysis and the silence stripped bare elements of the analytic encounter and concentrated the horror and violence of both the patient's and the analyst's inner reality and the analytic lived experience – and it is this lived experience that 'the violence of real' evokes. Dr. Gyler tracks the evolution of transformations in her patient's relationality through Tustin's thinking and Money Kyrle's model of conceptual development.

In her second paper, **On the Edge: Dangerous Moments in Navigating Two-ness**, Dr. Gyler relates to moments in the therapeutic encounter where the possibility of transformation turns on a knife-edge. In this clinical paper, she explores responses to the confrontation with otherness, separation and separateness. Tustin exquisitely opened a space for naming and reflecting on the precarious nature of transitioning between the psychic states of oneness and twoness. The transitions between these states for some patients are terrifying, leaving them exposed to falling into an internal state of collapse and catastrophe. Dr. Gyler considers through the case illustrations of a small child and an adult woman some destructive strategies that can be employed to avoid this experience; the small child with an abusive and traumatic history attempted to attack the analyst with scissors; and the adult woman who had a long history of serious psychopathology and self-mutilation reaching back into adolescence shifted from self-harm to threatening to harm the analyst. Dr. Gyler suggests that the analyst's relationship to her own emotional resonances played a significant role in determining the therapeutic action and the outcome of interpretive intervention. Additionally, she considers how the role of the unspoken elements in making an interpretation is crucial to the question of transformation and navigating 'the tantrum of two-ness'.

Faculty of the Lectureship Day:

Alina Schellekes is the Chair of The Frances Tustin Memorial Trust. She is a senior clinical psychologist at Brill Mental Health Center (Ramat Chen), Tel Aviv and a training and supervising psychoanalyst of The Israel Psychoanalytic Society. She teaches and supervises at the Israel Psychoanalytic Institute; at The Psychotherapy Program, Sackler Faculty of Medicine, Tel Aviv University where she is the head of the Primitive Mental States advanced track of studies, which she initiated in 2007; at Halfaba - Psychoanalytically Oriented Psychotherapy Studies, Tel Aviv. In 2006 she received the Honorary Mention of the Phyllis Meadow Award in New York for excellence in psychoanalytical writing. In November 2008 she received in Los Angeles the 12th Frances Tustin International Prize for her paper: "The Dread of Falling and Dissolving – further thoughts". Her main topics of interest, both in her publications and in her teaching, focus on the understanding of primitive mental states, void existence, unrepresented states of mind, hypochondria, psychosomatic states, day dreaming, the concept of double, therapeutic excess.

Dr. Judith L. Mitrani is a Member and Training and Supervising Analyst at The Psychoanalytic Center of California in Los Angeles and has recently been honored with Emeritus status. A Fellow of the International Psycho-Analytical Association, she has published numerous papers in the area of primitive mental states in both international and American peer-reviewed journals and many edited books, and her work has been translated in twelve languages. She is the author of the books *Framework for the Imaginary: Clinical Explorations in Primitive States of Being* (1996, second edition 2008) and *Ordinary People and Extra-Ordinary Protections: a Post-Kleinian Approach to the Treatment of Primitive Mental States* (2001), and *Psychoanalytic Technique and Theory: Taking the Transference* (2014). She is also co-editor -- with her analyst/husband Dr. Theodore Mitrani -- of the books *Encounters with Autistic States: A Memorial Tribute to Frances Tustin* (1997) and *Frances Tustin Today* (2015). She is the founding Chair of the Frances Tustin Memorial Trust (1995-2018), and still supervises and lectures internationally on topics related to the treatment of autistic states in adults and psychoanalytic technique with the infantile transference. She now resides in Paris, France.

Dr. Theodore Mitrani is an Emeritus Training & Supervising Child, Adolescent and Adult Analyst at the Psychoanalytic Center of California, Los Angeles. Before his retirement, he was Chairman of the Infant, Child and Adolescent Psychoanalytic Training Program at PCC and Co-editor of the books *Encounters with Autistic States: A Memorial Tribute to Frances Tustin* and *Frances Tustin Today*. Dr. Mitrani still serves on the Board of Trustees of The Frances Tustin Memorial Trust and currently lives in Paris, France.

Dr. Suzanne Maiello is a Psychoanalyst and Psychoanalytic Child Psychotherapist. She is a Founder member and Past President of AIPPI (Italian Association of Psychoanalytic Child Psychotherapy); a member of the AIPA/IAAP (International Association of Analytical Psychology) and of ACP (Association of Child Psychotherapists, Tavistock Section, UK). She is Faculty of AIPPI Postgraduate Training in Psychoanalytic Child Psychotherapy, Rome and Milan, of Master in Psychoanalytic Observational Studies, Tavistock/University of Essex and of Postgraduate Training in Psychoanalytic Child Psychotherapy, Istanbul. Between 1978-1980 she was in supervision with Frances Tustin (treatment of an autistic child). In 1997 she was the recipient of the first International Frances Tustin Memorial Prize. She is editor and co-author of books and author of over 100 publications in the leading journals of psychoanalytic child psychotherapy and psychoanalysis. She is member of International Advisory Boards of European psychoanalytic journals. She lives and practices in Rome, Italy.

Dr. Dana Amir is a clinical psychologist, supervising and training *analyst* at the Israel psychoanalytic society, faculty member and head of the interdisciplinary doctoral program in psychoanalysis at Haifa University, editor of *Maarag* – the Israel Annual of Psychoanalysis (the Hebrew University), poetess and literature researcher. She is the author of six poetry books and three psychoanalytic non-fiction books: *Cleft Tongue* (Karnac, 2014), *On the Lyricism of the Mind* (Routledge, 2016), and *Bearing Witness to the Witness* (Routledge, 2018). She is the winner of many prizes, including four international psychoanalytic awards: The Frances Tustin International Memorial Prize (2011), the IPA (International Psychoanalytic Association) Sacerdoti Prize (2013), the IPA Hayman Prize (2017) and the IFPE (International Forum of Psychoanalytic Education) Distinguished Psychoanalytic Educators Award (2017).

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