

BEYOND TRAUMA

An International & Interdisciplinary Conference
on Imagining
Ways to Move beyond a
Traumatic Past



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BEYOND TRAUMA CONFERENCE

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DAY 1

Monday, June 9, 8:30 am-6:00 pm

Registration, coffee, and breakfast snacks: 8:30-9:00 am

Opening Remarks

9:00-9:15--Suzanne LaLonde, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, US

Introduction and Imagining Ways to Move Beyond Trauma

Keynote Speaker: This conference has been organized in part to honor the research contributions of literary theorist and psychoanalyst Françoise Davoine.

9:15-10:00--Françoise Davoine, Psychoanalyst, Associate Professor (maître de conférence), retired from l'Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, France

“A New Paradigm of Psychoanalysis”

(Includes 15 minutes of questions)

(Break 10:00-10:30)

Session I (10:30- 12:30 pm)

10:30-10:55--Jeanne Wolff Bernstein, Psychoanalyst
Wiener Arbeitskreis für Psychoanalyse, Vienna, Austria

“A Plea for Dissociation”

10:55-11:20--Alfred Gillham, Retired Clinical Psychologist, UK

“David Jones in Parenthesis and the Trauma of WWI”

11:20-11:45--Jim Gorney, Psychoanalyst, Private Practice, US

“A Walk Through the Museum of History (Beyond Trauma)”

11:45-12:10--David de Freitas Pereira, Psychiatrist in Belgium and Psychoanalyst
in training at the Chicago Center for Psychoanalysis, US

“Quixotic Analysis- A Psychoanalytic Paradigm for a Front-line Psychiatry”

S-I Questions (12:10-12:30)

(Lunch break on your own 12:30 - 2:00;
see listing of close restaurants on webpage)

Monday, June 9, Afternoon

Session II (2:00-3:30 pm)

IN FRENCH 2:00-2:25--Luis Fernando Macias Garcia, Psychoanalyst, University of Guanajuato, Mexico

“Scandal? Child Mortality in Mexico: Navigating the Aftermath”

2:25-2:50--Alberto Montoya, Psychoanalyst, Círculo Psioanalítico Mexicano AC, Mexico

“The Madman Who Became a Painter”

2:50-3:15--Daniel Delanoë, Psychiatrist, Psychotherapist, Anthropologist
Etablissement Public de Santé Barthélemy Durand, Etampes, France

“Cross-Cultural Therapy for a Woman from Central Africa with Several Complex Traumas”

Questions S-II (3:15-3:30 pm)

(Break 3:30-4:00 pm)

Session III (4:00-pm-5:45 pm)

4:00-4:25--Francesca Ceccherini, Curator and PhD Student, IULM University, Italy
“Sounding Trauma: The Politics of Resistance and Re-existence in the Artistic Practices of Zehra Doğan, Fatma Bucak, and Open Group”

4:25-4:50--Iryna Tarku, Coordinator, University of Giessen, Germany
“Listening Through the Narrative Gaps: Trauma and Resilience in Contemporary Ukrainian War Literature”

4:50-5:15--Laurent Olivier, Anthropologist, Archaeologist, and Curator of the National Museum of Archeology at Saint-Germain-en-Laye, France
“The Haunted Sioux Country: Voices, Spirits and Apparitions among the Lakota of Wounded Knee”

Questions S-III (5:15-5:30 pm)

Registration, coffee, and breakfast snacks: 8:30-9:00

Session IV (9:00- 10:30 am)

IN FRENCH 9:00-9:25--Delphine Scotto di Vettimo, Maître de Conférences [HDR], Associate Professor, Aix-Marseille Université, France

“Beyond Trauma: le langage littéraire et pictural comme re-crédation du monde et de soi”

9:25-9:50--Maria Montenegro, PhD student in psychology, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

“Autism Diagnosis: Stressors, Advocacy, and Neurodiversity”

9:50-10:15--Nina Moner, Clinical Psychologist and PhD student in psychology, CHU Lénval, Hôpitaux Pédiatriques de Nice, France

“EMDR and Trauma Resolution Through Family-Centered Care”

Questions S-IV (10:15-10:30 am)

(Break 10:30-11:00 am)

Session V (11:00-12:30 pm)

11:00-11:25--Alexandre Nazarian, Psychoanalyst, Fondation R. Ardouvin, France

“Diary of an Analytic Cure: Reopening Dead Ends Thanks to the Trauma Clinic”

11:25-11:50--Nathalie Zaccari-Reyners, Senior Research Associate at the Fund for Scientific Research - FNRS Université libre de Bruxelles, Belgium

“How to Pay Attention to Someone Who’s Disoriented? Some Elements Inspired by Art Performances in Nursing Homes”

11:50-12:15--Anne-Catherine Pernot-Masson, Psychiatrist, France

“A Good Use of Resistance”

Questions S-V (12:15-12:30 pm)

(Lunch break on your own, 12:30 - 2:00 pm)

Tuesday, June 10, Afternoon

Session VI (2:00-3:30 pm)

2:00-2:25--Anastasiya Maksymchuk, PhD in Film and Media Art, Researcher, Lusófona University, Lisbon.

“REENACTING TRAUMA: Working with Documentary Characters through Fiction Film”

2:25-2:50--Kym McDaniel, Assistant Professor, Ohio State University, US

“Exquisite Aftermath: Personal Filmmaking and Post-Traumatic Growth”

2:50-3:15--Mieke Bal, Professor of Cultural Analysis affiliated with ASCA (Amsterdam School for Cultural Analysis), Netherlands

“Con-fusion: of Times, Subjects and Media”

Questions S-VI (3:15-3:30 pm)

(Break 3:30-4:00 pm)

Session VII (4:00 pm-7:00 pm; film showing with questions)

4:00-7:00--Laurent Bécue-Renard, Film Director and Documentary Film Maker, France

Movie showing “Of Men and War” followed by questions

Coffee and breakfast snacks: 8:30-9:00

Session VIII (9:00- 10:30 am)

9:00-9:25--John Havard, Professor, Binghamton University, NY, US
“Beyond Hope: Manic Enthusiasm in ‘The Outrun’ “

9:25-9:50--Marjorie Ka-ye Cheung, Senior Lecturer, Hong Kong Shue Yan University, Hong Kong
“Linguistic Strategies of Trauma and Resistance: Code-switching, Temporality, and Collective Identity in Karen Cheung's The Impossible City”

9:50-10:15--Sonya Andermahr, Reader Emeritus, University of Northampton, UK
“Representing and Resisting Maternal Melancholy in the Novels of Buchi Emecheta”

Questions S-VIII (10:15-10:30 am)

(Break 10:30-11:00 am)

Session IX (11:00-12:30 pm)

11:00-11:25--Anna Rocca, Professor of French & Italian, Salem State University, US
“Drawing Trauma & Hope: Violence Against Women in Graphic Novels”

11:25-11:50--Nikky Suarez, PhD student, Cornell University, US
“Archival Storytelling: Forensic Archaeology and ‘Scriptotherapy’ as Pathways to Trauma Healing and Resistance in Anil's Ghost and Minor Detail”

11:50-12:15--Marzia Caporale, Professor of French & Italian, University of Scranton, US
“All in the Family: Unveiling Familial Sexual Abuse in Contemporary French Autobiography”

Questions S-IX (12:15-12:30 pm)

(Lunch break on your own, 12:30 - 2:00)

Wednesday, June 11, Afternoon

Session X (2:00-4:00 pm)

2:00-2:25--Yurika Tamura, Assistant Professor, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, US

“Weaving Metaphors after Trauma”

2:25-2:50--Diana Rodriguez Vertiz, Postdoctoral fellow, Käte Hamburger Kolleg für Kulturelle Praktiken der Reparation, Germany

“Luis Hernández Poetry Notebooks, a Cultural Practice in the Search for Healing”

2:50-3:15--Sevgi Kilic, Medical Anthropologist, University of Melbourne, Australia

“Political Prisoners, Trauma, and the 1980 Coup in Turkey: Unveiling the Legacy of Historical Trauma”

Questions S-X (3:15-3:30 pm)

(Break 3:30-4:00 pm)

Session XI (4:00 -6:00 pm)

4:00-4:25--Marc André Cotton, Consultant and independent researcher, President of the International Psychohistorical Association (IPhA), NY, US

“Recovering from Trauma: What Psychohistory Can Contribute”

4:25-4:50--Blandine Bruyère, Ph.D Psychopathology and Clinical Psychology Associate researcher University LYON 2 – FR Staff counselor - MHPSS expert Consultant, France

“Life goes on / La vie continue mais comment?”

4:50-5:15--Harold Kudler, M.D., Psychiatrist, Medical Associate Professor, Duke University and Adjunct Professor, Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences, US

“War as an Assault on Transitional Space”

Questions S-XI (5:15-5:45 pm)

Closing Remarks

Suzanne LaLonde

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