

# BOODY

Psychoanalytic  
Perspectives

6<sup>th</sup> EUROPEAN  
**PSYCHOANALYTIC**  
CONFERENCE FOR  
UNIVERSITY STUDENTS



30 September – 2 October 2021

# BODY - Psychoanalytic Perspectives

As Freud stated in 1923 *the ego is first and foremost a bodily ego*. This position of the body in psychoanalytic thinking has remained from those times on, and later contributions have led to a further enhancement of the thinking on the body.

Contemporary psychoanalysis is based on the assumption that processes of change in psychoanalysis are not based solely or primarily on the exchange of words, but on an interpersonal encounter with the physical presence of two partners, and the analysis of unconscious, multimodal transference processes in this discrete encounter. Thus, the currently used mutative concepts of container, contained and containing also metaphorically emphasize the “corporeality” of the processes of exchange in the analysis, which are especially essential in regressive states that are often not accessible to linguistic expression.

This year the European Psychoanalytic Federation will organize the 6<sup>th</sup> conference for students and relatively recent graduated professionals

around this theme of the “Body”. Like previous years we will address this topic from various perspectives, from basic theoretical considerations to the clinic in which vignettes of analysis with patients are presented. From old times to modern times, the impact on the clinic due to the Covid 19 pandemic which forced many of us to change to analysis via online. From the developmental perspective of the developing body from birth to childhood and puberty, to the developmental disturbances in expressing mental content leading to illness in the psychosomatic situation. From embodied memory to the body in the art of Giacometti.

Participants come from all over Europe and sometimes from more distant countries as well. Our presenters are all well known in their field and also stem from various countries. We, as members of the organizing team would like to welcome you at this year conference.

Jasminka Šuljagić, Mercedes Puchol, Martin Teising, Alex Janssen

# Programme

Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup> 2021

- 18:00 Arrival and registration  
18:30 **Welcome address**  
18:45 Introduction to the theme:  
**Notes on the body, in the theories of Freud, Winnicott, Bion**  
by [Jan Abram](#), [Jasminka Šuljagić](#), and [Rudi Vermote](#)  
20:30 Reception and get-together with drinks and food

Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup> 2021

- 09:30-11:00 Lecture – **Embodied memories— a new perspective on the mind-body-issue in psychoanalysis** by [Marianne Leuzinger-Bohleber](#)  
11:00-11:15 Coffee Break  
11:15-12:45 Lecture – **Body transformations in the adolescent state of mind**  
by [Teresa Olmos de Paz](#)  
13:15-14:15 Lunch  
14:15-15:45 Discussion in small groups

- 15:45-17:15 Lecture – **Bridging the gap: From soma-psychosis to psychosomatics** by [Catalina Bronstein](#)  
17:15-17:30 Coffee Break  
17:30-19:00 Lecture – **The Transformation of the Traumatic in the Art of Alberto Giacometti** by [Matthias Oppermann](#)

Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2021

- 09:30-11:00 Lecture – **Soma and Psyche: an indissoluble unity**  
by [Marina Perris](#) and [Fotis Bobos](#)  
11:00-11:15 Coffee Break  
11:15-12:45 Lecture – **Psychoanalysis in times of Covid-19, meeting on-line, the fate of the two bodies** by [Alex Janssen](#)  
13:15-14:15 Lunch  
14:15-15:45 Lecture – **Body, symptom and meaning - maintaining a psychoanalytic perspective** by [Charlotta Björklind](#)  
15:45-17:00 Discussion in small groups  
17:00-18:00 Coffee break, information on training, closing remarks

# Presenters



**Jan Abram**, Training Analyst, British Psychoanalytical Society; Visiting Professor of University College London; Vice President, European Psychoanalytic Federation. Author of several books notably *The Language of Winnicott*; *Clinical Paradigms of Melanie Klein* and *Donald Winnicott*.

**Charlotta Björklind**: Training analyst of the Swedish Association, psychoanalyst for adults, children and adolescents, director of training. Works in private practice and is adjunct lecturer at the Department of Psychology in Stockholm University. Many publications.

**Fotis Bobos**. Psychiatrist, training and supervising analyst and Director of Training of the Hellenic Psychoanalytic Society, member of IPA. Member of Institut de Psychosomatique de Paris (IPSO-P. Marty) and of Association Internationale de Psychosomatique.

**Catalina Bronstein**, Professor, MD. Training Analyst and former president of the British Psychoanalytical Society. Works with adolescents and adults in private practice. Have written extensively and edited and co-edited a number of books. Member of the board of the International Journal of Psychoanalysis. Visiting Professor at the Psychoanalysis Unit, University College London.

**Alexander Janssen**, training analyst and past-president of the Dutch Psychoanalytic Society. Works in private practice in Amsterdam and Amersfoort. Chair of the IPA task force on remote analysis in training.

**Marianne Leuzinger-Bohleber**, Prof. Dr. phil, former director of the Sigmund-Freud-Institut, professor em. at the University of Kassel, senior professor at the IDeA Excellency Center in Frankfurt a.M. Training analyst of the German Psychoanalytical Association. Has published 16 monographs, edited 43 books and published over 500 articles. Many awards.

**Teresa Olmos de Paz** is a Training analyst and former president of the Madrid Psychoanalytical Association. She is a professor at the Institute of Psychoanalysis. Book of the Year 1990 for her book on adolescence and borderline.

**Matthias Oppermann**, M.D., specialist in psychotherapeutic medicine, psychoanalyst of the German Psychoanalytic Association (DPV, IPA), works in private practice in Hamburg, visual artist (BBK).

**Marina Perris-Myttas**, Clinical Psychologist, training and supervising analyst of the British Psychoanalytical Society. Member of Institut de Psychosomatique de Paris. Consultant to Eating Disorders Service.

**Mercedes Puchol**, training psychoanalyst of Madrid Psychoanalytical Association and current president of this Society. Works in private practice in Madrid with adults, children and adolescents.

**Jasminka Šuljagić**, member, training analyst, former president of the Psychoanalytical Society of Serbia. Psychoanalyst in private practice in Belgrade. Member of the EPF Institutional Matters Forum. Member of the board of the EPF, General Editor.

**Martin Teising**, psychiatrist and psychoanalyst, training analyst of the German Psychoanalytic Association (DPV), Past President of the DPV, Past President of the International Psychoanalytic University Berlin, European Representative in the Board of the International Psychoanalytic Association 2015-2019. Many publications.

**Rudi Vermote**, M.D., Ph.D. Training analyst and former president of the Belgium Psychoanalytical Society. Prof. emeritus University of Leuven (Louvain), Belgium. Works in private practice. Many publications. Member of the Clinical Research Committee IPA, Member of the Editorial Board of the International Journal of Psychoanalysis.

# General Information

## 6<sup>th</sup> EUROPEAN **PSYCHOANALYTIC** CONFERENCE FOR UNIVERSITY STUDENTS



This conference is of interest for university students and recent graduates, especially in medicine, psychology and other cultural or language sciences.

All presentations will be in English.

Two possibilities to participate in the conference are offered:

- participating in-person in the EPF House in Brussels
- participation online

Due to the Covid pandemic and the measures still to be taken for meeting in person in our house in Brussels, the number of participants in Brussels will be limited. There is no limit to the number of online participations. When the number of in-person places in Brussels is reached, you can join the online

conference. If to unforeseen circumstances meeting in Brussels is not possible at all, the conference will only take place online.

Please read "Announcement of planned events at EPF House" on the Home page of the EPF website [www.epf-fep.eu](http://www.epf-fep.eu) to be informed on the issue.

The conference is held from Thursday September 30<sup>th</sup> – till Saturday October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021. Costs Euro 30.

The information about conference registration and payment is available on the EPF website [www.epf-fep.eu](http://www.epf-fep.eu).

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It is a non-profit organization, fully independent and fully self-supporting. Its major aim is to promote psychoanalysis and organizes many activities such as yearly conferences.

For further information please have a look at the EPF website:

**[www.epf-fep.eu](http://www.epf-fep.eu)**



The EPF House Brussels



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For all students and recent graduates in psychology, medicine and other fields who want to know more about psychoanalytic perspectives on body.

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