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When you lose your freedom

Comparative analysis between the experience of the Covid19 Crisis and the experience of living in communism

We have all experienced the unexpected restriction during the Covid19 Pandemic. Everything stopped in one place, without the essential landmarks that we all need (how long will this crisis last, what are the repercussions, what will follow next, etc.). This state of emergency quickly interfered with our work with families, blocking everything for a while. This paper aims to reflect on the similarity between the Covid-19 pandemic and living in Communist Romania in 1965-1989. Families were quickly brought in a regressive position, where everything was blocked, followed, controlled, restricted, described as being very similar to living in a totalitarian regime, parallel made during the therapy sessions. The anxiety of meeting others (as if others are dangerous, capable of hurting you), the possibility to leave the house only with an official statement, the blockage, the disappearance of essential food from stores, the fact that law enforcement agencies gained overnight powers that they no longer had, all these have brought back to the way these families lived their lives during the totalitarian regime.

Keywords: regression, family psychoanalytic psychotherapy, blockage, totalitarian regime, family psychic apparatus

ASSUMPCAO FERNANDES, MARIA INES

Hypermodernity, Diaspora and Transmission

It is about thinking the emergence of new subjectivities and the impasses of transmission in a configuration of forces of multiple flows, hybridity of cultures, consumption, technologies and communication. It discusses how social processes and institutions have endured the upheavals of changes in the geopolitical and socio-historical fields in which transformations in biosciences and techno-sciences are combined. In a diasporic scenario, of hypermodernity, it examines the new logics that support the institutional ordering, in relation to values and the landmarks of race, ethnicity and sexuality; and, the correlations between the structure of intersubjective bonds and the psychic structure of the subject considered in his singularity and his history. Social changes and their subjective consequences show a transformation in the values of intimacy, the private and the affirmation of singularities: the vicissitudes of transmission intergenerational and in the synchrony of the subjects that constitute the couple /family / group.

Keywords: Transmisson – Diaspora – Institution – Subjectivities - Hipermodernity

**BALELLO, LUCIA; CABANZO, ROCIO; CONSOLI, GRACIELA; CORREA, OLGA;
GONZALES ROJAS, JUAN; GRINSPON, EDUARDO; JAROSLAVSKI, EZEQUIEL; LISS,
MANUEL; MOROSINI, IRMA; PABLOS, PALOMA; PORTO, MANUELA**

Space and time crossings in virtual work in times of Pandemic

The pandemic situation as uncanny, uncertain, unthinkable, abrupt, devitalizing and traumatic. Affects both patients and therapists. Incidence in patients: articulating psychic and health resources. The new inaugurates compositions and creatives from of processing. Suffering and desire to live as psychic organizers with families and couples. The therapeutic link in resonances of anguish. The overlapping worlds. Operationalization of theoretical-technical resources in the clinic.

Keywords: Pandemic- affects-resources-creativity- virtual devices

**BALLELO, LUCIA; BARCHIELLI ANGELA; BIONDI, FRANCESCO; GIUSTI FABRIZIA;
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Bullying as a community emergent

Bullying is a community emergent that questions group and family psychoanalysts and psychotherapists about issues related to violence, humiliation, diversity, and exclusion. These issues concern us all, and speak of a way of being together that society proposes. The question that the authors ask themselves is to understand the meaning of this phenomenon and the individual, family and community dynamics it expresses. This problem was deepened through research work based on real social laboratories aimed at discussing with citizens of different territorial areas. Bullying is an group emergent and therefore the group is the privileged place in which to analyze stereotypes, social attitudes, habits, mentalities.

Through the presentation of theoretical issues and elaboration in the operative group (learning device of operational psychoanalysis), a path of understanding and change was developed by the participants.

Keywords: Bullying; stereotype; violence; group; family.

BALFOUR, ANDREW

Time and space: dimensions of identity and relation in demencia

Research shows that the quality of the relationship in couples living with dementia is of crucial importance. Attachment needs are activated by dementia, with progressive cognitive impairment likely to cause both cognitive and emotional dis-integration in the context of the loss of opportunity for shared understanding and ‘inter-subjectivity’. So much so, that lack of intimacy and reciprocity between the partners are associated with depression and predictive of moves to residential care and even mortality rates. Despite this, there is a dearth of interventions which seek to support the couple relationship where one partner has dementia. This paper describes the Living Together with Dementia intervention developed at Tavistock Relationships in London, which is rooted in the importance of containment, emotional contact and understanding, and draws on attachment-informed approaches developed in parent-infant psychotherapy applied to the caring dyad at the other end of life.

Key words: Couples; Dementia; Containment; Attachment; Psychotherapy

BAR GRACIELA

The Multifamily Psychoanalysis groups as a privileged scene for the processing of subjective experiences of discontinuity

The instrumentation of a specific device and setting is required for the Multifamily Psychoanalysis to develop. We are referring to complex groups which are heterogeneous, “multitudinous”, and open. The participants may come alone, with members of their family or with whoever they wish, whenever they wish, in a free and voluntary participation manner. The groups were created by J. García Badaracco (M.D.) initially for a severely mentally ill patient centered approach. He said: “when I realized the therapeutic session was lived as a submission and as an imposition, I gave a one-hundred and eighty degree turn and attempted to create a freer and more spontaneous relationship”- nowadays, it is considered that these groups offer an enormous framework of action in many fields. They offer a privileged environment to process disruptive and/or traumatic situations, which can turn into individual, family, cross-generational and social discontinuity and subjective ruptures. In my presentation I will try to explain, with psychoanalytical concepts, through which group and individual psychic paths these elaboration possibilities can occur, according to my criteria.

Key words: Multifamily Psychoanalysis, Setting, Processing, Trauma, Discontinuity.

BEAUVIR, LAURENCE; JOCHIER, EMILIE; MORFAUX, LOU; PIVETEAU, PIERRE

Presentation of a therapeutic framing in a children's institution: What group psychoanalysis allows

In a changing socio-cultural context, a sector child psychiatry team presents a multifamily therapeutic framing of limited duration. The formalization of this team project seemed essential so that it was clearly presented to families in the idea of a shared understanding. This new therapeutic device was created by focusing on the intersubjective, on parental projections and family myths and on the intra-subjective for children in the process of developing their subjectivity and lacking representation.

We will successively expose the modalities of the multifamily group's creation, the participation's criteria, the evolution and the elaboration of the processes involved from our countertransference.

Will unfold group mechanisms at work when a new family arrives in the system and the quality of the mobilized affects; as well as observation of diachronic support faults in the family and synchronic support on the group. Through the analysis of the framework of group dynamics and therapeutic effects, we will question the place of this device in our care offer, the limits and evolutions of the device in the light of the mobilized processes and societal evolutions.

Keywords: multifamily therapeutic group, processes at play, mobilized mechanisms and affect, limits and evolution of the system

BEN HAMED-VERNOTTE, SOUAD

A couple with "clear eggs"

They live 400 km from each other. They have seen each other on weekends and holidays for several years. He is 34 years old. He wants to "try to have a child with her but he does not want a long-distance child". He asks her to come and live with him. She is 46 years old. She doesn't say no, but keeps him waiting. A false pregnancy gives rise to "a clear egg" but he would like to try again, he wants to "build a family". Massive incestual elements are present. Massive incestual manifestations are expressed, identified and "unveiled" but how can they be given meaning and above all allow them to support the work of change?

Keywords: incestual, countertransference, collusion, narcissistic perversion, maternal

BENGHOZI, PIERRE

Suffering and attack of *metagarance* in families, institutions and social links

I define "metagarance", in my perspective of the netting of genealogical containers, in continuity of the notions of A. Touraine's metasocial guarantors, R.Kaës's metapsychic guarantors, D.Winnicott's ego security, W. Bion's container and J.Bowlby's secure attachment.

The function of metagarance is to guarantee a sufficiently secure protective container. It is an ethical responsibility for the subject or group concerned by a link of filiation or affiliation. Parents have a responsibility for metagarance towards their children. Justice and the police are metagarants of social links in a democratic state. The catastrophic attack of metagarance: it is the breach of secure container when the metagarantor becomes the threat and the danger. Like the incestuous father, or the police of a totalitarian state. The metagarance clinic will be illustrated in situations of crisis and disaster such as the pandemic.

Keywords: metagarance, ethical responsibility, links, secure container, incest

BIANCHINI, BARBARA

Changes in the devices, frameworks and rules of work during the session.

The model of the analytic field, developed by Ferro and the Pavia school, suggests a therapeutic approach, useful also in couple psychoanalytical psychotherapy, which goes beyond considering solely content and gives utmost importance to the formation of instruments for feeling and thinking and to the development of the container. Thus, we can stand on the shoulders of Bion, who describes the mother that perceives and "metabolises" her infant's anxieties – and the analyst who deals with her patient's psychic pain – and join Meltzer, when he stresses that the mother's impact on her baby is aesthetic and that the baby must be considered an aesthetic object by his mother, underlining that the aesthetic is an important aspect of the development of the container. This leads to observing the clinical process from the viewpoint of the aesthetic: the central theme is creativity and the way the couple relationship and analyst continually relate to each other and renew themselves to create progressively more appropriate containers.

Keywords : analytic field, container/contained, aesthetic conflict, aesthetics, creativity.

BIONDI, FRANCESCO, ; Marco BECATTINI; Francesco BIONDI, Licia AVALLONE, Angela BARCHIELLI, Ilaria CONTI

Mentalizing and parenting: observations on a therapeutic group for parents of young drug addicts

In a public service for the treatment of drug addiction we used a psychoanalytic group device to work on the relationship of parents with their young drug addicted sons. The goal was to improve treatment outcomes for young patients. Some parents have stories marked by trauma and all, in the relationship with their children, oscillate between hyper-involvement and excessive distancing: this determines a weak ability to intervene on children's problems. Parents tend to put themselves in a defensive judgment position towards their children. They seem unable to mentalize the link between suffering and symptom. Weekly group therapy improved parents' ability to understand their sons' behaviour, enabling them to exercise both containment and support functions. The group therapy path began a year ago and recently, due to the pandemic, it continues online.

Keywords: Mentalizing, parenting, drug addiction, group therapy, adolescence

BLANQUET, BRIGITTE

Families homecare, a « customized » spatial-temporal framing

This paper presents a reflection on psychological care in the homes of families. This in vivo clinical setting adjusts to the difficulties that some subjects have in asking for help. Some of them need their walls, the container, the envelope that is their home to handle meeting with the clinical psychologist. From clinical vignettes, we will show the importance of "going to them" on their land in order to take into account their space and temporality as well as their way of living in a place. Particular attention will be paid to the language of walls, objects, animal kingdom, atmosphere (smell, light, temperature, etc.) as a transferential modality and support for primary symbolization.

BROSTELLA, ANABELLA SOSA

Family's attempt to freeze time facing grief and to replace the identity of a dead child with that of a sibling

This work will discuss how within a grieving family therapy for the loss of one of their children, a need arises for another child to take his place. In a traumatic event like this, these unconscious desires of parents and children begin to emerge to fill the terrible void. It seems that the second son wants to revive the mother and offers to replace him. This occurs in a constellation where the deceased was perceived as the preferred child. In turn, the family shows separation problems, little differentiation and amalgamation exacerbated by this abrupt loss. As a unit, the family makes an attempt to defend against the crisis caused by mourning, trying to freeze time, omnipotent, so that everything remains the same. This situation creates ambivalence, resentment and rebellion in the son who expresses for everyone the struggle between choosing life or death.

Keywords: freezing of time, crisis, identity, emptiness, mourning, trauma.

CABANZO, ROCIO

Specificities of the Remote Linking Psychoanalysis, via internet.

Three points of view.

I carried out a study on "Remote Link Psychoanalysis, via internet", in which I consulted 23 link therapists (psychoanalysts and psychologists) from 10 countries, located in 4 continents. I present the points of view of two consultants and mine, -with more experience in its implementation- and with different Link Psychoanalytic perspectives; some specificities found by each one, from their approaches and illustrative clinical vignettes. One of them privileges the presence and its characteristics: non-synchronous, multi-situated and composite, online-offline, multidimensional corporality; the other, the affectations in the analytical setting: transference, countertransference, representational activity of the analyst, framing. I propose the paradoxical and rhizomatic aspects of "another presence and another scene", of "another between two or more" in cyberspace.

Keywords: Psychoanalytic Device - Distance Linking - transference - paradoxical space - another presence -

CALARASANU, CRISTINA

I miss life.

Psychoanalytic family psychotherapy during lockdown

A climate of urgency under the threat of a virus that could kill us, quickly crept into the psychoanalytical work with families. For safety reasons and for protection, we were all thrown behind a screen. This presentation aims to give some reflections on the psychoanalytical work that was done with the families during lockdown. I will focus especially on what I will call the family void, as it was felt in the psychic conditions imposed by the restrictions and the way this void shaped the family links and set up defenses, acting out and regressive movements.

Keywords: psychoanalytic family therapy, the void, family links, regression, lockdown

CALARASANU, CRISTINA; ALEXANDRESCU, ADINA

The paradox of complying: from authority to totalitarianism

The institutional effects of Corona Virus crisis

From the start of the Corona Virus crisis, the medical institutions were overwhelmed by the procedures, impositions, restrictions and rules, all of that in the good name of protection and security. Over the night, the absolute necessary freedom of being able to do what you know best or to express what you think was abolished and considered an attack to the institutional security and a danger to others. The authority, important part of an institutional frame was replaced by totalitarianism and individuals ceased to be seen as professionals able to work and to take decisions, but only as objects submitted to obey blindly the rules from above. The paper aims to illustrate the clinical work with a group of pediatric doctors trying

to elaborate and to reflect on the traumatic effects of the sudden impeachment of freedom and the violence of protection through the abusive institutional power.

Keywords: institutional frame, totalitarianism, group work, traumatic effects, crisis

CAREL, ANDRE

Family and forms of crisis: challenge, traumatic neurosis, catastrophe

Any crisis, that is to say, a sudden change, generates various forms of transformations in the individual and collective psychic apparatus. We propose to differentiate three types of forms, the event, the traumatic neurosis, the catastrophe. In the event, the subject and his family group mobilize their resources to overcome the crisis. The treatment can be brief; it recognizes the quality of the family response. In traumatic neurosis, the suffering has overwhelmed the capacity for elaboration, which remains however sufficient for the associative work to be fruitful. The treatment time is long. In the catastrophe, the subjects, the family group and the environment are in great suffering. The treatment is very long and confronted with the repetition of negativism in the sessions. We rely on a family therapy supervision clinic to present our point of view.

Keywords: crisis, event, traumatic neurosis, catastrophe, family therapy.

CHAMBOREDON, ELSA

L'engagement islamiste au regard de l'idéologie familiale.

This presentation is based on a family therapy initiated when one of the members was released from prison for being involved in an islamist organization. Its aim is to study the intertwining of ideology in general, and in this case the Islamism ideology, with what Françoise Aubertel calls family ideology. These elements resulting from a thesis work in progress, will lead to a reflection on our psychoanalytical positioning and on the conduct of family therapies. The theory put forward by the family to explain their son's radicalization is based on a well-defined relational scheme within which the place of a family member can be changing. In this context, psychoanalysis is proving to be enlightening and can provide a useful compass for clinicians. However, psychoanalysis also presents risks of ideological drift, worth watching out for.

Keywords: Ideology, family ideology, radicalization, family therapy, psychoanalysis.

CEPPI, FIORELLA

Processes of change in the Multifamily Psychoanalysis Group

In serious forms of psychic distress, in particular in psychotic structures, links of pathogenic interdependence are constantly activated and reactivated in which the other is perceived as a return to primitive positions of deified and threatening parental figures that, redirect the current link to archaic forms of relationship, endlessly reactivating the past, freezing the present and the future. Thus, the fundamental and indispensable variables of all change (time, differentiation of self/other, subjectivity) are denied to varying degrees within these links; the natural impulses for transformation are blocked by powerful mechanisms that are dressed up as resistance to change. The activation of real processes of change in the Group of Multifamily Psychoanalysis begins with the recognition and reactivation of the unexpressed natural potentialities (Healthy Virtual), buried under the many pathogenic identifications;

the climate of psychological security generated by this recognition allows to make tolerable the anguish generated by the processes of misidentification necessary for the transformation of the mental functioning.

Keywords: pathogenic identifications, pathogenic interdependencies, healthy virtual.

CLULOW, CHRISTOPHER

Object relations, links, psychoanalysis and all that jazz: A musical footnote

Following his article on jazz as connector and disrupter in relationships (published in the special issue on musical connections in *Couple and Family Psychoanalysis*, March 2020), Christopher Clulow reflects briefly on the power of music to convey and contain emotion, and considers some similarities between jazz improvisation and the therapeutic process. His jazz trio will sign off from the conference by playing the blues.

COAT, V.; ELLIOT, S.; L. Hassinat, N. Jabnoui, R. Jimenez, J. Lucchini

Space, Virtual communication and session work

Summary: In view of the health context, we have put in place, in a certain emergency, new devices of couples and family therapy online. The authors question, through their clinical experiences and resonances with the creativity of our online working groups, the theoretical and practical emerging but also the phenomena of resonance in the sharing caused by this pandemic and the containment that results from it. The impact of the technology on the framework and the therapeutic link, on the quality of the regression and the transference-countertransference relationship, on the conditions and the capacity of reception and capacity of the therapists are the main aspects that will be developed.

Keywords: envelope - device- online - representation - body

CONSOLI, GRACIELA

Family and couple aspects in individual treatment

When working with a patient individually, it is important to remember that the patient is inserted in a socio-cultural and family context, in addition to the intra-psychic one. That is why I think it is important that in the individual treatments the family aspects are also taken into consideration, and those of the couple, linked to the previous ones. As this subject has interested me a lot, I have been working for some time on the importance of these other aspects for individual psychoanalysis. In this way one can see and work not only the intra-psychic processes, but also the inter-psychic processes that occur in families. In this case I will deal with a patient who comes from a very inbred family and who was rejected for not accommodating to the family ideology. We should add that this conflict arose during the quarantine for the pandemic, and that this patient has had a different attitude from her family, since she always wanted to differentiate herself and make a life that was not expected for her. The analysis provided her with the elements to improve the detachment of that family, which, despite not living together, continued to influence her.

Keywords:Family aspects in individual treatment - intrapsychic processes - interpsychic processes - clinical material.

DAVILA, MARIA FERNANDA

In the making of the links psychoanalytic clinic link: becoming a symptom or becoming a subject

This work aims to explore, in the link configuration, the experience of relationship built in the encounter of the therapist with his patient when the demand for consultation seeks to obtain a psychic functioning that exceeds the unacceptable. The patient, labeled with a diagnosis, does not have access to the effects of presence imposed by the link, which is assimilated to becoming a symptom, by ensuring the tradition and history of the subject: not to exceed its previous symbolic series, with the logic of identity thought that organizes subjectivity from a stable image of itself, governed by causality. It is immobilized in its form of being, with a security tied to what is already known: the new is threatening, it must be avoided. The patient is absent from the linking space, compromising the interaction with the other: the therapist. How is the therapist's involvement? What can be played?

Keywords: becoming, device, transformation, play, subjectivation.

**DAWSON, MARIA SOLEDAD; ALTABELLI HERNAN; LASTER BETTINA;
WEITZAMNN, PAULA; KLEIMAN, SONIA**

Links Therapeutic Experiences in Times of Pandemic

Since the health emergency caused by Covid 19 and under the measures taken by the Argentine government of compulsory social preventive isolation, virtual devices were designed for the psychotherapeutic attention of families in the Pediatric Mental Health Service of the Italian Hospital of Buenos Aires. The team of families with children and adolescents is performing the online consultations. This experience allowed the formulation of varied and new questions regarding treatments of links, as well as about the virtual. The term, Device, will be thought of from what Foucault enunciates. "To unravel the lines of a device is, in each case, to draw a map, to map, to travel through unknown lands ... "work in the field" - The team worked on the vicissitudes that these new ways of doing things implied, both among the members of the team and with the patients. Clinical vignettes are presented.

FERES-CARNEIRO, TEREZINHA; SEIXAS-MAGALHAES, ANDREA; NONATO-MACHADO, REBECA; MELLO, RENATA

Repercussions of Parentalization in Fraternal Links

In our clinical experience, we have frequently been confronted with generational inversion processes in the family, through which the children adopt a parental attitude towards the adults who are essential to their existence. The purpose of this article is to discuss the repercussions of parentalization in fraternal bonds. We will investigate how siblings establish the division of roles and functions in the context of generational inversion. We noticed that the parentalized child or adolescent often is not only a father/mother to their parents but also assumes a parental role towards their siblings. Indeed, this exercise presumes the perception of parental shortcomings regarding the care for others (brother/sister) but also regarding oneself. To enhance the discussion of this issue, we will use clinical vignettes. The context of parentalization in the family hampers the experiences of brotherhood and sisterhood regarding exchange, equality, and reciprocity, engendering feelings of worthlessness, anger, and overload.

Key words : parentalization, generational inversion, siblings, fraternal bonds, parental shortcomings.

Discontent in the Online Therapeutic Approach: Psychic Boundaries and Conjugal Envelope

The therapeutic approach in clinical practice with couples in times of pandemic has suffered changes due to the transition of in-person sessions to online sessions. Privacy and conjugal intimacy have been stirred by the sharing of spaces with children and other family members, and by the dilution of boundaries between the working and family environments. New aspects of conjugal discontent -with an emphasis on the fusion of the psyche of the couple and the feeling of the annihilation of the I, have risen from the compulsory physical proximity during quarantine. The way in which partners occupy the domestic environment during quarantine reveals psychic rearrangements in conjugality. Partners have heightened mechanisms seeking psychic differentiation. In this presentation, we will discuss the online approach to psychoanalysis with couples and the use of the therapeutic environment as a resource to establish psychic boundaries and to repair the conjugal envelope. We will present clinical cases from sessions with two couples during times of pandemic.

Urgencies in the Brazilian Pandemic Context: The Engulfment of the Family Psyche

In the pandemic context, Brazil presents singular traits that heighten the experience of urgency and helplessness in most families. The (mis)rule of the State, the socioeconomic vulnerability, and the precariousness of the healthcare system intensify the fear of engulfment given the absurdity of this historical period. In this scenario, people are overwhelmed by the anxieties of annihilation and the risk of not having enough lifetime left to repair the objects, leading family members to the hard choice of defending the experience of “being in real danger of dying” or falling apart, summoning the family psychotherapist to surpass his analyzing role. In this paper, our purpose is to discuss such issues and their implications regarding the transference-countertransference relationship using a clinical excerpt that illustrates the psychotherapeutic service available at the Service of Applied Psychology of PUC-Rio during the pandemic.

Keywords: family urgencies, pandemic, family psychotherapy, primitive anxieties, clinical excerpt.

GODINHO, PAULA; FIALHO, TERESA; CENTENO, MARIA JOAO

20 years of multifamily group within a psychiatric department: the Portuguese Experience

In Lisbon in 2001 a multi-family group (GMF) was started in a psychiatric day hospital for severe and acute patients. Its theoretical-technical references are mainly psychoanalytical and group-analytical. The multi-family group (GMF) is a therapeutic device, but also a research and teaching one for many observers: doctors, psychologists, nurses, etc. Its model is based on the concepts of Jorge García Badaracco, as well as on the English and Portuguese schools of group analysis. The various aspects of the day hospital, its equipment and, above all, the characteristics of the GMF -patients, parents, families with their pathological interactions- are described. Currently, with the clinical experience accumulated in these 20 years, we think that the GMFs imply a true epistemological revolution in the way of facing and treating mental pathology, making evident the pathological interdependencies (Badaracco,2000) and the transgenerational pathology, but also the possibilities of its transformation and evolution.

Key words: multi-family group - day hospital - pathological dependencies - family "lockdown" - dialogue

GONZALES-ROJAS, JUAN; DE PABLOS, PALOMA

Task shifting and Frame of "Informed Supervision" working group in light of the global pandemic situation

With the COVID situation, it was necessary to transform the framework of our "Informed Supervision" group, which has been working for 8 years. The task became more complex and adapted, accompanying the emerging and group elaborating personal anguishes and death, including situations mobilized in the personal, the family, and the group, expanding from a monthly frame to one weekly. The sessions were recorded and the chronicles served as a container and support for dialogue. It was necessary to elaborate the abandonments in the group, the family losses and to channel the duels when simultaneously patients with problems that triggered the same anxiety and suffering have to be attended.

We gathered and selected various clinical vignettes of interventions and dreams of our group, a mosaic of clinic accompanied by reflections: spatiality, temporality, changes in pathologies, overcrowding, anguish, fears of entering intimacy, repetition of toxic and intrusive links, family violence, as well as some defensive reactions that may give their symptoms with the transformations of this control imposed from abroad.

Keywords: group elaboration, change of setting, grief work, the intimate, new demand

GRECO, ONDINA

How many houses have you lived in?

Reconstructing the mosaic of family history through drawing and speech

Alexandra is the daughter of Claudio and Florencia (chilean), who already had a child, Camila,. Florencia, went back to Chile with both her daughters, aged 3 and 10, because of quarrels with her husband, and only after twenty months Claudio convinced her to return with him to Italy. After three years, when Alexandra is almost 8 years old, Florencia leaves the family and becomes unreachable. The Juvenile Court places the children with Claudio, helped by his parents for their care. After a few months, Camila will go to a foster care community, for her aggressive behavior, and a psychological help for Alexandra results necessary, for helping her to give voice to her painful lack of her mother and sister. Family story is gradually reconstructed through the drawing of the houses in which Alexandra lived. Drawing is a very important tool for children, alluding to significant themes, without revealing them openly.

Keywords: trauma, loss, multiple detachments, family history, "Houses of my life" drawings.

GRINSPON, EDUARDO

Omnipresence as a messenger of captivated and captive children

We will refer to processes worked through due to the possibility of "the absence in the session" of the Only Child "omnipresent in the centripetal family co-excitation scenes". These are the result of the validity in the parental couple of solutions in which the remains of singular traumatic experiences could be sustained in an impasse when they were transformed between two into a narcissistic wound referred to and linked to a debtor agent and present in "the present". Scenes in which the tension operates as a

"pathogenic narcissistic seduction" from which the children are captivated and held captive as part of that scene. Children who remain from their opposition to "therapy" as an omnipresent intra-family concern, articulated to perverse parental circuits. In the families that gave rise to this development, a child remained attached to the dead-end suffering of one of its parents, becoming the only child of this unique genitor. This child, after seriously altering the family atmosphere and putting his life at risk, agreed to shouting messengers and demanding a possible thirst within the family space.

Accessing in session to the private scene held between the genitor and his only child "in absence", made it possible to historicize and give figuration in the family both to the suffering underlying in the agent of the perverse fusion solution and to the agreement in force in the parental couple. We will accompany with clinical vignettes of the processes that have been carried out.

Key Words : intrafamilial splitting, parental--solution "a deux"--children captivated and captives--trophic possibilities of his shouts messengers.

HIERS, LANA

Creating a virtual shared space of an MFG, animated by videoconference

For a few years, I have been leading groups via web platforms, such as Skype or Hangout, within the framework of multifamily psychotherapy organized in Russia (Hiers, Papsueva, 2015; 2014). While a team is present on Moscow, I work from Paris. One of the specificities of this system is the meeting of a multi-family group (MFG) in co-presence, led by an online psychologist. The hybrid system brings into play the separation / encounter with the therapist, alternating his absence / presence. The GMF is animated in co-presence, when I am in Moscow, and by telepresence, when I return to Paris. The meeting between a group and a psychologist, mediated by digital technology, transforms the functioning of the group psychic apparatus and requires the creation of a common space despite the separation. We are going to think about the construction of the group virtual space, when the treatment takes place via videoconference and teleconsultation.

Keywords: Multifamily group Teleconsultation Videoconference NTIC Group virtual space

ISRAELSTAM, KEN

How neuroscience helped repair a countertransference impasse in a Neurotypical- Neurodiverse couples therapy

The author describes how while working with a Neurotypical- Neurodiverse couple, he developed rather negative countertransference feelings toward the husband. He experienced the man's behavior as self-centered, emotionally cold and rejecting. The author describes how the loss of his desired neutral/objective analytic stance, had led to a therapeutic impasse. He then goes on to describe the process of how he became aware of the possibility that the husbands' behavior related to undiagnosed high functioning Asperger's Syndrome. He then describes how his understanding of the neurological deficits relating to Asperger Syndrome, in particular disturbance in the mirror neuron systems, and the related dynamics of "the still face," helped him with his negative countertransference. The finding of his missing empathy and understanding helped the author to repair the damage caused by his negative

experience of his patient. Clinical material is used to describe how this information that was also new to the couple, set the stage for a relatively good therapeutic outcome.

JAROSLAVSKI, EZEQUIEL

The incidence of hypermodernity in the family structures and in current pathologies

Hypermodernity (Malêtre) is characterized by the exacerbation of modernity. It is defined as the culture of excess, hyper-stimulation, hyper-communication, and consumerism. It is characterized by an unstable, out of rules, inconsistent world with ephemeral links. It is accompanied by a weakening of institutions and family structures, both are meta-psycho guarantors of our psychic stability.

Our psychic life depends on our underpinnings in the biological, family, institutional, social, religious and cultural continuity and stability that make up, to a large extent, the unconscious background of our psychic life. The changes in the families imply both a diversity in their structure (single parents, assembled families, etc.), as well as a fragility in their links, and in the modes of construction and psychic catheterization of children in their early childhood, which have as consequence deficits in their narcissism. The primary link with the mother and the narcissistic contract, founded the child's primary narcissism, and its failure is fundamental for the development of borderline pathologies.

Keywords

Current pathologies - hypermodernity - family structural changes - deficits in psychic underpinnings - mother / baby bond - narcissistic contract - deficits in narcissism.

JAITIN, ROSA

The rhythms of the present in couple and family psychoanalysis

Temporality is a subject that has crossed the reflection of my clinical work throughout my professional career. I have precisely introduced the notion of proto-rhythm, as a representation of the temporal linking interfaces between the subjects, which shape the relational modalities of each couple, each family and each culture. The proto-rhythms of each family group would organize the genealogical rhythmic envelope and are inscribed as a linking audiogram in the primary inter and transgenerational transmission. How to articulate the notion of proto-rhythm today with the temporality of the instant and the unpredictable? Can we speak of a present moment, relative to the past, where memory and memories emerge? Can we speak of a present relative to the present where the here-now with the other allows to create new random and unpredictable rhythms? Can we, even more, speak of a present relative to the future, of a hope that someone new will emerge from the chaos? How is this problem presented in the psychoanalysis of the couple and the current family?

Keywords: proto-rhythms - present relative - to the past - to the present - to the future

JOUBERT, CHRISTIANE

Psychoanalysis, unconscious psychic withdrawal and environmental crisis

The environmental crisis, due to coronavirus, the containment imposed, and the resulting restriction of freedoms, have increased the risk of the collapse of the neoliberal "liquid" society (Bauman).

The impact on the families', couples' and individuals' lives is considerable; we have identified a number of criteria (regressions in the links, and on the individual level, also, withdrawals, more intense reminiscences, slowing down of thought, etc.). L'Après-coup (Nachträglichkeit) of this major crisis leads to new psychological suffering (anxiety of unemployment and the economic crisis on the one hand, disintegration of social links on the other hand, melancolization). In the transference and counter-transference field, the use of the virtual hardware in order to maintain the sessions and the ambient "unheimliche" (Freud) shared between patients and the analyst has designed new tracks of thoughts: bridging in the transference scene. Clinical examples will illustrate our point.

Key words: containment, crisis, link, transference and counter-transference

JONES, ALBERTO

Multi-spatial framing. Multifamily treatment framing.

"From the Freudian and post-Freudian corpus, the psychoanalysis of couples and families has constantly sought to produce advances in the deepening of their tools and in the extension of their field." In this direction, I share the presentation of a therapeutic experience that I have been carrying out since November 2018 and whose objective is to reflect on the usefulness or not of implementing complex therapeutic approaches, specifically in the sense of the articulation of classical psychoanalysis with García Badaracco's multifamily psychoanalysis, both with respect to its devices and its ways of understanding human phenomena. I will present a clinical experience, during which the use of diverse frames in this line will be observed, offering in this case the possibility of evaluating if this instrumentation was beneficial or counterproductive and iatrogenic. In this particular case, it was considered necessary and convenient to carry out individual, family and multi-family sessions and psychopharmacological psychiatric controls, in person and/or online, according to the moment. For this experience I appeal to my training in dynamic psychiatry, in psychoanalysis (Full member in didactic function APA-IPA), and in multi-family psychoanalysis of García Badaracco.

Key words: Multifamily Psychoanalysis, Setting, Therapeutic Process, Hyper-complexity, Complementarity

KAPUSTA, NESTOR

Ruptures and Reparation during Tele-therapy in Times of the Pandemic

A case of a psychoanalytic couple therapy during COVID-19 Pandemic is presented, which setting has been changed to tele-therapy via videoconference tool. Implications of the setting-change on the psychoanalytic process in a young couple will be discussed in terms of separate space: The agoracloustrophobic dynamics was interrupted by the need to have temporarily separate sessions with a separate space emerging. This opened up new perspectives allowing to examine unconscious beliefs in more depth and to contain each individual personality by maintaining a couple state of mind. It seems the couple was able to profit from this short period of separate space in the process with the analyst in terms of clarification and reassurance of the therapist's third position.

Keywords: Couple therapy, Covid-19, pandemic, teletherapy, agora-claustrophobic

KAES, RENE

The plurality of psychic spaces and temporalities

If we admit that there are several spaces of the psychic reality, as psychoanalytical practices lead us to think in plurisubjective framing such as couples, families, groups and institutions, how do the corresponding temporalities manifest themselves in each of these spaces and in the relations between these spaces?

I base my approach on my research on the spaces of psychic reality in group framing. I suggest understanding in what way in these spaces, the temporality of the subjects is different from that of their links and that of the group. I will propose to understand in what way in these spaces, the temporality of the subjects is different from that of their links and that of the group. I will then try to explore what happens in terms of plural and heterogeneous spaces and temporalities in situations of crisis and collective disaster, taking the pandemic as an example.

KEOGH, TIMOTHY; GREGORY-ROBERTS, CYNTHIA

Advances in short-term couple therapy: the value of the psychodynamic formulation

The paper discusses the potential contribution of the psychodynamic formulation in advancing technique with short-term psychodynamic couple interventions with a specific focus on an intervention targeting unresolved loss in couples. This approach involves a *dynamic and provisional*, rather than saturated formulation that can enhance understandings from the assessment with a couple. It is argued that such a formulation is enriched by the countertransference responses of a peer group. As research indicates that to be successful short-term interventions need to have a clear focus, with reference to a clinical case, it is shown how fidelity to the short-term intervention model for couples with unresolved loss, the *Unresolved Grief Triad*, can be used as the basis for such a formulation. Finally, it is argued that the inclusion of a psychodynamic formulation, which is revised as therapy proceeds, can catalyze the inherent inductive nature of short-term couple psychotherapy and foster its positive clinical outcomes.

Key words: Short-term, Couple, Unresolved loss, Psychodynamic formulation and technique.

KHELIFI, EMIRA

In Search of Lost Time

The place of the fraternal link in three cases of systemic lupus erythematosus

Lupus, which is an autoimmune disease, imposes its presence and its own rhythm by an oscillation between periods of remission and periods of relapses. Clinical practice teaches us that there are quite often traumas which precede and / or which are related to the manifestation of the disease such as failures, losses, successes, mourning ...The objective of this work is to approach the dimension of time in this autoimmune disease that is Lupus and to question the place of the fraternal link in this somatic expression.

Keywords: Temporality, lupus, fraternal bond, autoimmune disease, trauma.

KLEIMAN, SONIA

Uncertain thoughts

We are used to thinking about time and space organized in past, present and future. A linear and progressive temporality. A time organized hegemonically, which instituted steps to follow for the evolution of a pre-designed human life. We can think today of plural, continuous, discontinuous, bifurcated times. Not like flashbacks and flashforwards that science fiction was showing, but times in motion. These are times in which no attempt is made to compare what is current with what has already been lived, nor to explain what is being lived exclusively from a historical and/or unconscious causality. As Michel Serres says, the "time that makes", instead of the "time that passes". It is the time of the event. Times that would not admit of predictions about what will happen. This way of living the temporal implies to transit the uncertainty, to think the future in key of becoming and not of future. This time in movement challenges determination and makes room for chance, what is presented opens up other horizons. The work raises questions about the subjective construction and contemporary linkage.

LECONTE, CONSTANCE

From an undifferentiated family space ... towards a differentiation of psychic envelopes

Elements of the follow-up of a family in great distress, - functioning preferentially in an undifferentiated way, - struggling with the loss of original supports, the repetition of intergenerational traumas, the transgression of fundamental prohibitions, a double culture, the transmission of somatic pathology. This paper will allow us to present a customized therapeutic device. This framework, offering the capacity of containing, has been able to facilitate the emergence and then the progressive elaboration of traumatic experiences and to support the work of differentiation of the psychic envelopes. In this intermediary space created in the neo-group, through the transference-countertransference dynamic, intersubjectivity has helped to reconfigure spaces and links, thus opening up to the work of a creativity „in between", to be oneself while remaining in connection and henceforth inscribed in a belonging to one's lineages.

Keywords: Intergenerational trauma – undifferentiating – migratory displacement – psychic envelopes – transference / countertransference.

LECONTE, MARIE-GINA

Of the unheardable and the unthinkable of incestuous violence towards the access to subjectivity

The incestuous rape attacks the bonds, abolishes the generational borders, breaks down the narcissistic foundations of the Me/not-Me limits, producing, in a filial/affiliative collapse, indifferenciation.

These families, who incorporated the secret of their filiation, transferentially subject professionals to violent projections that are confusing and deadly. Often, sideration, fascination and emergence of anxiety sign the return of the denied through the children's actings.

The author illustrates, on the basis of therapeutic work carried out with a family – of which all the first daughters, to her knowledge over three generations, were born of transgressive sexual acts and most of the children placed on the judge's decision-making authority for maltreatment by deficiency and/or negligence – the adjusted device set up prior to the engagement in family psychotherapy, with the SIAPE, the requesting service, around these families with whom any intervention had proved to be obsolete. The story of this unheardable anti-origin register, had become unnamable.

Keywords: Traumatic filiation – Transgenerational repetition – Death narcissism – Adjusted device – Filiation novel.

LE CLEF, BRUNO

Ordinary violence in couple and family: confined psychic objects articulated to the anxiety of death?

The global episode of confinement due to the pandemic exacerbates the facts described as violent within couples and families. Approaching violence according to its etymology - violentia - which means "abuse of force", we will relate it to the fundamental anthropological situation depicted by J. Laplanche. This describes the asymmetry between adult/parent and immature infant in an initial and unequal power relationship. Producing messages made up of confined psychic objects (repressed and cleaved), untranslatable by the infant, isn't the adult an inoculator of psychic objects dedicated to satisfying the immortalization of his ego? Isn't the parental narcissism thus forcibly transmitted the reflection of their anxiety of death, understood as the disappearance of their own representation? Has Freud forgotten the ambivalence that originated in Laïos and Jocasta? This reading shakes up the Oedipus complex and questions the psychic content which, upset by a reality, returns to the abuse of origins.

Keywords: violence, fundamental anthropological situation, confined psychic objects, anxiety of death, Oedipus' complex.

LOSSO, ROBERTO

Challenges to family and couple psychoanalysis in time of coronavirus

In our current practice we find families in distress in relation to physical and social isolation and uncertainty about the future: they ask themselves: when will this end, what can trigger in the group or in some of its members the most primary emotions, such as fatality, restlessness, crises of anguish, panic attacks, intra- or extra-family violence, depression and deepening of pathological tendencies that were attenuated, such as addictions. Also situations of economic distress in the face of the impossibility for one or more members of the family group to carry out their usual work. These are phenomena that occur at a particular time in human history, when we are immersed in patients and therapists in which we must be able to discriminate our emotions from those of the patients, and not run the risk of becoming a kind of "family counselor".

KEY WORDS: Anxiety, uncertainty, isolation, restlessness, helplessness.

LUCARELLI, DANIELA

Cultural changes and therapeutic practice with couple and family

The contemporary world confronts us with a series of changes which affect the different ways of being in culture and in psychic life. We are in the time of urgency, of identity uncertainties, of crisis of authority, of difficulties to face the experience of the limit. We are witnessing a rapid transformation of links between generations, profound changes in relations between the sexes, a transformation of family structures, a mixture of cultures. This work aims to question - from the study of the impact of these many important cultural and psychological changes on the constitution and the current difficulties of

couples and families - on which therapeutic and conceptual instruments it may be appropriate to refer today in clinical experience, Therapeutic practice with couples and families - in my opinion - can currently only constitute a research frontier which confronts existing psychoanalytic models, sometimes risking putting them in crisis but also to encourage their development. Based on these arguments, clinical material will be presented regarding cases of couples and family therapy.

Keywords: cultural changes, identity uncertainty, therapeutic practice, research frontier, psychoanalytic models.

MANN-SHALVI, HANNI

Desire Sex and Marriage – Do They Go Together like a Horse and Carriage?

Psychosexuality, Sex. Drive, Desire, Love, Marriage.

This paper focuses on sexual relationships in marriage. Drive and relational theories recognize sexuality as central constituent of satisfying personal life and of couple relationships. Strangely there is little reference in couple psychoanalytic literature to the subject of sexuality in general, and sexuality in marriage in particular. It is even more puzzling, since we often meet in our practices splits between sexuality and emotional closeness in couple relations. In many cases lack of sexuality causes dissatisfaction and extra-marital relationships. But often they a couple defines himself as a couple and leads rich couple and family life without sexual relationship. In this paper, I will focus the question whether there might be an inherent contradiction between the institution of marriage and the conditions required for good sexuality, when the “otherness” that is needed for the erotic desire in conflicted with the need for safety and stability. I will rethink the conditions needed in the married couple relationship in order to be able to enjoy both worlds. The subject will be examined on one hand, according to the Freud’s approach of drive non – object relatedness theory and Laplanche’s drive theory that adds the enigmatic component of the born sexuality. On the other, I will look at the subject from various relational perspectives that relate to sex as physical experience that expresses emotional experience and is colored by internal object relations, wishes and fears. The theoretical discussion will be followed by a Clinical vignette.

MARIN GIULIANA; GIACHIN, MARIA GRAZIA

The afternoon is around the corner: the difficult path of affective maturation of a couple

The author’s work underlines that only the recognition of the other as different and the acceptance of separateness can bring identification, self-recognition, acceptance of loneliness; the distance enhancing a feeling of lacking and giving the possibility of wanting. The importance of “entering” into one suffering has been highlighted: the suffering of the couple’s subjects is related not only to the personal history of the couple’s history, but also with contents attributable to previous generations, who remained active as an expression of a transgenerational narcissism (Losso). The therapeutic process has unveiled what has been split, making the unthinkable and the unspeakable thinkable and speakable, reworking the transgenerational suffering so as to be able to start a transformative path that interrupts the trauma repetition by opening a space for reflection, and therefore of transformation.

Keywords: differentiation, myth / family mandate, timelessness of trauma, trauma elaboration process, defensive ties.

MARQUES DE OLIVEIRA, TEREZA; CIGALA, PEIRANO IGLESIAS

Listening to and promoting parenting in times of corona virus

Humanity is going through an experience of crisis which confronts men and women with their condition of fragility and abandonment. Like all crisis situations, these require intense and costly work of psychic elaboration. In those situations, we may be in contact with early traumatic experiences which can result in different symptoms amplified with the absence of family support or support network. This situation is even more dramatic among pregnant or postpartum women, a condition characterized by a state of bio-psycho-socio-cultural vulnerability which can be enhanced by social isolation. Sensitive to these issues, the NGO Habitare provides women with a free online or telephone therapeutic dispositive with the aim of welcoming and accompanying families, promoting the construction of parenting in this context. This experience led us to reflect on the different challenges raised by the dispositive that the pandemic has imposed.

Key-words: crisis, pandemic, pregnancy, postpartum, dispositive.

MARUOTTOLO, CLAUDIO; MASCARO NORBERTO

The concept of reciprocal interdependence: contributions of multifamily psychoanalysis to the couple, family and group clinic

Based on Freudian and post-Freudian developments, we came to Jorge García Badaracco's contributions on "reciprocal interdependencies". Our experience in GPMF and other psychoanalytic therapeutic devices (group therapy, couple and family therapy and even in individual analysis) allowed us to work these reciprocal interdependencies both in their relational aspect and in the inner world. We rate these interdependencies in **normogenous and pathogenic**, depending on whether or not to promote the growth and development of the personality, i.e. to provide genuine egos resources or not. Our way of working will be reflected in the presentation of a clinical case.

Keywords: Multifamily Psychoanalysis Group (GPMF), reciprocal interdependencies, normogenous and pathogenic interdependencies y genuine egos resources.

MASCARO, NORBERTO

The Multifamily Psychoanalysis Group: recommendations for its coordination

The author discusses recommendations for coordinating a Multifamily Psychoanalysis Group (MFPG). No specific technique is mentioned, rather the author speaks of experimental learning as the outcome of shared experience. The practical knowledge, supported by creativity, makes it possible to solve unexpected and unseen situations. García Badaracco began this experience early in 1960 and discovered a number of new facts about psychic function in relation to the social environment. The outcome of this intense and prolonged activity was Multifamily Psychoanalysis Group, which is a new approach to thinking and working in mental health. The author covers the main aspects of this approach with the aim of framing the recommendations for coordinating an MFPG. The fundamental social dimension of the mind ("the others inside ourselves") is underlined, the "reciprocal interdependencies" and "genuine" ego resources, the healthy virtual. The complexity within the work is undertake, which makes it necessary for the coordinators to work as a team so they can collate the diverse phenomena that occur in the group to be able to contain and attend to the unleashed emotion and affects.

Keywords: “others inside ourselves”, “reciprocal interdependence”, “genuine ego resources”, “healthy virtual” and emotional climate.

MASSIA, MARIA ANTONIETA

The psychotherapeutic path between the individual dimension and the multifamily framing

How can the individual psychotherapeutic dimension and the multifamily framing intersect in the therapeutic path of a seriously ill patient? What can happen when a patient in individual psychotherapy looks at the multifamily framing?

Listening attentively to the patient in session, points out how the contribution of the two therapeutic dimensions, allows to open spaces of elaboration and new and usable consciousness to favor a tolerable integration for the subject. In particular, the participation to the multifamily framing can be very important, having the possibility to get in touch with parts dissociated from oneself, otherwise kept at a distance, also if in the meantime, an individual psychotherapy is attempted. A participation that allows the patient to approach his/her suffering supported by a network of relationships and shared meanings. This allows to bring those contents from the individual psychotherapeutic relationship, to widen the field of work, including, in particular, aspects of the suffered family relationships until now excluded.

Keywords: dissociated parts, network of shared meanings, widening the field, tolerable integration, include

MATOSO, BEATRIZ

I don't need you: without seeing, I can be

The author proposes a reflection on the difficulties involving fortnightly clinical work with a couple who have been followed for eight months. The marriage bond has been marked by cross-generationally rooted violence revealing a serious narcissistic disorder, stemming from the visual impairment of one of the spouses and the primitive existence under different forms of neglect and rejection, on the part of both members of the couple. We can perceive how the complexities of this clinical process have been intertwined with the effects of the pandemic, in the context of an alteration of the **setting**, by the necessity of adopting a new means of distance communication. The emotional instability dominated by anger and despair derives from the anguish of castration and feelings of helplessness and rejection expressed in the transfer-countertransference dynamic producing feelings of impotence and exclusion in the analyst. This work expresses progress in terms of reflection and awareness of the obstacles that impair the construction of creative dialogue.

Key words: blindness, conjugality, culpability, rejection, transgenerational

MCCANN, DAMIAN

They “went in two by two” : the challenge of those in open and polyamorous relationships for couple psychotherapists.

In this presentation, I reflect on and explore the nature of relating in open and polyamorous relationships, as an antidote to or extension of the more familiar couple relationship at the heart of psychoanalytic couple psychotherapy practice. And, although the development and application of psychoanalytic theory to couple relationships have proved invaluable, unfortunately its primary focus on dyadic functioning has inevitably limited its interest in and understanding of the relevance of its theory to those in open and polyamorous relationships. Moreover, the inherent belief at the heart of psychoanalytic couple psychotherapy in the importance of monogamy, signifying mature and healthy functioning, has resulted in those who do not adhere to this standard being ignored, seen in a bad light, or believed to be blighted by the challenges of intimacy. Furthermore, traditional psychoanalytic accounts of development, attachment and relatedness, linked to heterosexual perspectives (D'Ercole & Drescher, 2004) have served to tighten the grip on normative thinking and sealed the outsider status afforded those in more open and polyamorous relationships.

MITRE, ELISA

My Therapeutic Community

From the work in the only Therapeutic Community of Multifamily Structure in the world, I think that we can gain a lot if we focus our concern on attending in a careful way the manifest or underlying psychic suffering and on implementing the ways to alleviate it by means of a specific therapeutic work, which intervenes in the sickening plots in which we can be trapped. These are the ones that are causing us suffering, partly unconscious, that is often masked or neutralized in the form of symptoms. We understand illness as a mental condition fabricated in a life history in which the ill factors are often left in total darkness. We know that what generates the illness are relationships of reciprocal interdependencies that are maddening and leave scars because they are traumatic experiences.

Keywords: Plots, interdependencies, community, psychic suffering.

MONGUZZI, FABIO

The psychotherapist and the loneliness of the We.

Instability, confusion and fragility of the couple's bonds.

The contemporary world is characterized by the crisis of what Kaes has called meta-social guarantors, that is, ideologies, utopias, great narratives. The historical transition from a traditional definition of the couple to an exclusively internal and intersubjective definition has left individuals in the absence of institutional and symbolic guarantees. In sessions with the couple, the psychotherapist is called to work on the link through a massive intervention in support of the bonding and structuring processes that are fragile and deficient. It is an incentive work of symbolic production that takes place at the interface between the subjective dimension of individuals, the intergenerational transmission and the external reality, with the aim of repairing not only the links that partners have with their internal objects, but also the links with history, culture and society, thus promoting the formation of new intersubjective and generational contracts.

Keywords: intersubjectivity, symbolisms, realities, containment, psychoanalytic framework

MONSERRAT, ALICIA; PALACIOS, ELISABETH

The Couple on Alert in the Context of the Pandemic

In the context of the pandemic, we designed a clinical *dispositive* to work with cases derived from the Covid social crisis. It operated on the demand in emergency offering a virtual space, providing a situational setting that enabled to create an envelope, in a transforming network and a sustained continuity in a limited time. This novel situation reaffirms us as professionals in our commitment to work from within the link perspective searching meanings that could alleviate human suffering, the alert in a couple trying to signify the surprising events produced by the pandemic.

Key words: dispositive, link psychoanalysis, event, situational setting

MOROSINI, IRMA

The Filiation chaos: access to parenthood from the therapeutic third

FILIATION implies the relationship of three generations with a family position to become a subject not-subjected. It involves a horizontal and transversal crossing of both trans and intergenerational axes through which the transmission circulates. Parental narcissism outlines the filiation link, contract and establishes the first identifying marks. I present a clinical material that questions us about what happens to the subjective identity of someone who does not find a position that subjects him/her, where the parental figures do not weave the support that guides and accompanies him/her, but rather blurred or absent functions both in the physical and in the word. Clinic about the effects of the acted anguish, the cry for the emptiness of identification without subjective recognition and the pain as a reference of real existence. New therapeutic devices. New forms of family.

Keywords: Filiation - transmission - identifying marks - therapeutic intermediary spaces - repetition of the trauma. New families.

MORGAN, MARY

Some aspects of time and space in analytic work with couples

In this paper I explore psychic change in the couple in relation to elements of time and space. One dimension of this is the regularity and continuity of the therapeutic container provided by the analyst over time. Another is the analyst's presence providing a couple state of mind which increases psychic space. If the couple are able to respond to this, the couple analytic space becomes for the couple a different kind of space from the one they normally inhabit, in which they feel safer to bring more of themselves, their associations, dreams, irrational thoughts, not only their complaints about the other. The creation of a couple analytic space supports the couple in dealing with difference and otherness which often stimulates hatred but can also find expression in creating something new and developmental, previously unknown to the couple. Negative capability and a resistance to finding quick solutions has to be borne by the couple, and the analyst, in this process. The emergence of something new in the couple needs to be noticed and supported by the analyst.

Keywords: time, continuity, the setting, psychic space, triangular space

MOSCATO, FILIPPO; BARTOLUCCI, SARA

Opening mental spaces - The multifamily group in training

During the training path of psychiatrists and psychotherapists many different approaches and schools can be encountered. Here we want to deepen how the encounter with multifamily psychoanalysis affects both the way of thinking about mental suffering, moving the perspective from the individual to transgenerational family bonds, and the way in which we think of ourselves as therapists. The multifamily group is an "high intensity" emotional space which, through powerful insights, can open mental spaces that would otherwise be inaccessible and allow access to traumatic areas of the Self. This is the case for both patients and operators. We will deepen the complexity of this tool within the training path of therapists, considering both the benefits and the possible difficulties that this type of experience can generate.

Keywords: Multifamily-Group-Space-Training-Insight

NARACCI, ANDREA

Multifamily framing

JGB began to observe psychosis through the group made up of many families of serious patients, including patients, in 1960 in Buenos Aires, in the Psychiatric Hospital. From that point of observation, to him and his collaborators, psychosis no longer appeared as a problem that concerned only the patient, but the patient and one of his two parents, between whom he had long since established a symbiotic link that he defined as "pathological and pathogenic interdependence".

In Italy, where about 80 groups are in operation, the following explanatory hypothesis emerged:

- 1) a parent experiences a trauma or grief that disassociates him/her; this makes him/her unable to experience separation from his/her child;
- 2) the child perceives the unlive pain of the parent, without being able to distinguish if it is the parent's or if it is his or her own and unconsciously organizes his or her life to mitigate its effects.

Keywords: confusion, respect, separation, sense of self, subjectivity

NICOLO, ANNA MARIA

Metaphor and metaphorization process

The specific nature of family functioning opens us to therapeutic potential unknown to the individual analyst. Precisely thanks to its multidimensional functioning, the family introduces the analyst to those primitive states of the individual mind and the family unconscious where unthought traumas or operations that are not thinkable are deposited. In these settings, the analyst capable of decoding it often presents material accessible only through ways other than verbalization. The family acts, makes its members and also the analyst live emotions, sensations, somatic pains that are the expression of patterns that function at various levels, from those where repression reigns and the possibility of remembering to those where instead the thinkability itself has never been established. These are the levels which - in our opinion - Bion defines inaccessible mental states, which are neither part of the conscious nor the unconscious.

The family as a group and the other, the family member, is the bearer of this story, of this functioning that has been expressed in the same life as people, without having ever been thought of or remembered.

Starting from these premises, therefore, I illustrate the use of the metaphor that the analyst can use and which allows him with more agility to mobilize these frozen levels and which can represent an intermediate link towards thinkability...

The symptom or dream are metaphors for mental functioning or conflict. But even the analyst can use metaphors in the session and start a metaphorization process.

The characteristic of the metaphor is that of condensing many symbolic meanings. In this sense, it does not have a single meaning, but many can derive from it, and it is precisely this that allows the unthought of the family to manifest itself and find a possible representation.

YUN PANG

Shame, Culture and Gender: Rethinking the treatment model for couples therapy after an affair

What is the goal of couples therapy after an affair? How effective is the prevailing model of seeing the affair as a 'trauma' experienced by the cheated-upon partner? Can the trauma-based treatment model be counter-productive when there exist more-powerful motivators of behavior embedded within cultural and gender norms? Shame can be a useful framework through which to understand the issues involved in couple therapy after an affair. Clinicians need to understand shame as a core emotion; how it operates intrapsychically, relationally, therapeutically and in the larger sociocultural context. I will examine these questions studying the case of a couple who sought treatment after the revelation of wife's affair. Their story highlights how shame and shame-related phenomena converge with cultural norms regarding gender, sexuality and class to complicate the treatment process for couples in the aftermath of an affair. The case will uncover shame's many insidious manifestations and demonstrate how shame can hide behind the mask of trauma. I will explore the importance of identifying, acknowledging and treating shame when working with couples after an affair. Couple therapy practice must go beyond the "trauma" of an affair to include the larger social cultural political reality.

PEIFFER, CHRISTINE; MATOS, CHAICHIO

School nomadism: interest in travelling or /and repetition compulsion?

In this communication, the effects of early-scattered schooling will be studied, through a clinical case. Maxence, a 7 years old boy, has been used to move from town to town, following a mother with a nomadic way of life. He has known as many schools as birthdays. The mother-child couple is intensely close, between love and hatred, fusion and rejection. And yet, neither mother nor child can bear separation. When Maxence is arriving in a new school, his group class is quickly overwhelmed with excitement movements. After a few weeks, the teacher is unable to keep the situation under control. We make the assumption that a lack of temporal and spatial markers would lead this child to look compulsively for ones. His violent acting out towards other pupils could be understood as a way to search a continuity, to retrieve a familiar and secure mental functioning process; it could also be heard as a cry for help. Could our regular interviews, in the frame of a school-psychological follow-up, bring the child a bit of the temporal and spatial anchorage he needs, even if it's only for a few months?

Keywords: Nomadism - pupil - school psychology - excitement - destructiveness.

PEREZ-TESTOR, CARLES

The introduction of the Therapeutic Team in Psychoanalytic Couple Therapy

We are presenting the *Unidad Docente de Intervención Familiar* (UDIF, Teaching Unit of Family Intervention) of the Foundation “Vidal i Barraquer”, which introduces substantial changes in the technique that we have been using in the Psychoanalytic Couple Psychotherapy. The main changes would be: Use of the one-way mirror (Gesell dome), video recordings of all sessions, free treatments and fundamentally the incorporation of the Therapeutic Team, formed by a group of 8 to 12 health professionals (doctors and psychologists) who are trained in the technique of Psychoanalytic Couple and Family Therapy in the “Master in Family Therapy” of the Ramon Llull University of Barcelona.

With the help of the “single case” methodology we are presenting the evaluation of the impact that the Therapeutic Team interventions have had on a couple, both at a direct level, expressed directly, and at an indirect level, expressed in the session content. The main hypothesis of the evaluation would be that the therapeutic team helps the therapists both in the monitoring and in the verbal and non-verbal observation of the couple or family attended and contributes with its final intervention to the therapeutic process of the patients.

PICKERING, JUDITH

HARMONY OF THE SPHERE OF COUPLE THERAPY

Music is the language of the emotions and musical elements of speech are the way in which emotional states are expressed. This paper amplifies the multi-modal musical spectrum of psychotherapy with couples, families and individuals. Musical qualities of communication underlie myriad forms of unconscious and conscious communication in the therapeutic setting, whether concerning the analytic couple of individual therapy, the various dyads and triads of couple therapy, or the multiple intersecting groupings involved in family therapy. When couples engage in states of intersubjective intimacy, their dialogue features a melodious form of speech featuring improvised reciprocal imitation, theme, and variation. When a couple have been triggered into an interlocking traumatic scene, harmony is replaced with cacophony. Awareness of the acoustic features of different emotional states such as depression, anger and anxiety, as well as specific features of the activation of an interlocking traumatic scene, helps alert therapists that such a shift has taken place. In turn, this will help tune appropriate therapeutic responses.

Keywords: musicality, psychoacoustics, vocal attunement, traumatic memory system, primary intersubjectivity

POZZA, TONNY

Some challenges of male sterilization for contraceptive purposes

In this research, we used interviews to analyze the motivations for male sterilization. This project happens in a singular context, including the couple dynamic in a particular moment of existence; they don't want other children. We think vasectomy as a **passive/active reversal**, linked to the couple temporality. All the more so, as the progressive loss of procreative capacities is to occur in spouses. So, we consider the sterilization as an **incorporative identification** happening for men, like an original

economic solution, trying to treat the loss, and keep the homeostasis of the couple. This movement illustrates a “synchronization of biological clocks” between the partners.

Keywords: vasectomy; male sterilization; incorporative identification; couple dynamic ; passive/active reversal

PUGET, JANINE

The paths of uncertainty: creative profanation or creative desecration

Introducing the "maybe" into our psychoanalytic vocabulary leads to a revision of the theoretical positions that support categories of truth, of the singular, of the predictive, and leaves room for the unpredictable, for the future, for the breaking down of walls that attempt to neutralize social subjectivity.

Keywords : Maybe. Future, invisible influences, multiverse, multiple origins

ROBION, JACQUES

The conjugal consensus

The relationship, conscious and/or unconscious, is *the smallest possible common*. As such, this smallest common possible is the primary object of a conjugal therapy. The communalized, in other words, *the greatest possible common*, is, on the other hand, what the couple is looking for. A conjugal crisis is indeed the expression of a de-communalized, (potential or real) and the conjugal consultation, that of an attempt to re-communalized. The conjugal conflict is a confrontation of two contradictory projects of re-communalization. When there is communalized satisfaction of two different needs (conscious and/or unconscious), there is a talk of a complementary relationship. When communalized satisfaction of two identical needs (conscious and/or unconscious) there is a symmetric relationship. When there is a unilateral imposed satisfaction (conscious and/or unconscious) there is an assignation. Assignation, conscious or unconscious, is a form of domestic violence, a psychic form. A denial of communal, a forced consent.

Keywords: community, communal, de-communalized, assignation, consensus.

ROBERT, PHILIPPE

The time of session

Freud had set the time for the analysis sessions to 45 minutes. He had also scheduled 5 or 6 weekly sessions, which led him to talk about the “Monday carapace”. Today the IPA asks 4 sessions a week for the cure-type. Psychoanalytic psychotherapies for adults or children are most often practiced with one or two sessions per week. Many couples and family therapists offer a session every 15 days, or even once a month. This issue of the sessions’ duration and frequency has been relatively little studied in our field. The question is often avoided or brought down to strictly organizational aspects. The elements of reality – which of course exist – must not obscure real technical and clinical issues. This raises the question of time and temporality as well as the question of elaboration and perlaboration in the therapeutic process.

Keywords: Frame sessions, temporality, duration, frequency

SALILLAS, CARMELA; BARRERA, GONZALO JOSE; PEINADO, ELISA

Interweaving a second look between parents and children

We present a group device with severe adolescents who have suffered from psychotic breakdown and with their parents. We show the place of these children in the parental couple and in their fantasy, as well as the place of depositories of the family pathology. This determines their subjectivity and the place that it is possible for them to inhabit in their lives. The aim is that these young people can build a joint project with the members of the group by reformulating the initial place when they come to the intervention. It belongs to the offer of therapeutic devices attached to the Mental Health Support Program of the Aragon Association for Child and Adolescent Psychological Research (AAIPNA).

Key words: group therapy, subjectivity, family pathology, second look.

SALAZAR, IGNACIA

Elements for an LGBT Temporality

Time, as a variable and as a significant articulation, has a weight in the conformation of the self. The present individual work intends to be a contribution to the debates on time that are presented within the analysis. Specifically, the following presentation seeks to enrich the discussion around the courses or trajectories of LGBT life from a perspective proper to psychoanalysis. To this end, the concepts of logical time presented by Lacan and deepened by Miller will be used to stress LGBT life stories. With this, the thesis is proposed that there is a particular logical prolongation or iteration of the so-called "time to understand" in the non-heterosexual self. It is suggested that this particularity is due to the exclusion socially generated from obligatory heterosexuality. The linguistic-symbolic plots of the heteropatriarchy inscribe important marks in the world and bodies of non-heterosexual subjects and, therefore, in their histories and selves.

Keywords : Time, LGBT, queer, life course, lacanian psychoanalysis

SANAHUJA, ALMUDENA

Holding deficit and family narcissism:

A "co metaphorization" as a possible therapeutic path

From the observation of deadly symptomatic dimensions presented by the encounter with a family received in therapy, we wish to put the spotlight on the unconscious psychic mechanisms which underlie the neo group. We will demonstrate the impact on the therapeutic framework of the narcissistic deficit of this family at the operative functioning and the paralysis of the therapists in their capacity as dream like family holding. Therefore, we will explore the elements anti and inter-transference and the evolution of the psychic container and content of the neo group facing the gradual erasure of family symptoms and the emergence of drives as a pressure cooker effect, until then contained in part by the symptom carriers. Thus, we will approach the creation of the game of "co-metaphorization" between the therapists such a strategy to enable the survival of their undermined reverie. But above all, to carry the suffering family where it seems to explode aggressively and to collapse depressively.

Keywords: Narcissism, dreamlike family holding, defense mechanisms, metaphorization, therapeutic process.

SEGURADO-NUNES, PATRICIA

Brave New Setting

The pandemic situation has brought to the world individual, family, social and cultural questions, causing a crisis that has not been known for a long time. In psychoanalytic practice it was no different and issues emerged associated with patients, analysts and changes in the psychotherapeutic setting.

Although the word crisis comes accompanied by a negative nature, associated with feelings of discomfort, restlessness and anxiety before the disorganization that settles, the truth is that at its origin the word is related to a key moment of change, whether for a person, institution or country (Ávila & Berlinck, 2014). In this work, using the mistake with the title Huxley's book (1932), *Brave New World*, is intended to reflect briefly on conflicts and concerns associated with the clinic in pandemic times, but also questioning the historical hypothesis of an involvement on promoting changes, transformations and development of couples and family psychoanalysis.

Keywords: Setting; Change; Pandemic; Crisis; Utopia

SETTON, LEA

The Perverse Link in a former couple.

In this work the author will present a clinical case in which both members of the ex-couple have a borderline diagnosis (borderline personality). In both stories there was developmental trauma, both had alcoholic parents. These patients present a diffuse identity, extreme mood swings, chronic feelings of emptiness and explosive rage. In this ex-couple, the link focuses on the perversion of the truth, a degradation of moral truth, as a consequence of infidelity. Each ex-spouse wants the other to obey him, to suffer and feel humiliated. Both with conflicting personalities, with the desire to destroy. They need to feel that they succeed in achieving revenge. Regarding the aggressive aspect, we can say that they have reactive aggression that at times becomes malignant. This aggression results from obstacles and rejections during its growth. They came to therapy to help their children become less depressed because of the divorce. Couples therapy became a battleground to spread their hatred for each other.

Key words: Aggression, perversion, link, infidelity, trauma.

SUNGHEE, HAN

Facilitating Reparation in a Family following a suicide

The suicide of a child creates enormous chaos in the family dynamic, especially in families with severe marital conflicts. In this workshop, I would like to report on the case of a couple in their 40s who have

two teenage children. The couple have had unstable, fragile marital relations for 20 years. They have been disconnected from each other and have been projecting their childhood conflicts to their spouse. The anger toward the other often was displaced to their children, especially to the daughter, leaving the parent-child relationship in a state of schism. Their daughter, apparently depressed at a time when their conflict was somewhat lessening, died suddenly of suicide. After the incident, the latent marital conflict came to the fore again. In addition to the grief of losing daughter, they faced a phase in turmoil as blames and guilt mounted against each other. However, in the process of mourning, they became aware of each other as the only object that could share the torturing pain of losing their daughter. Therapeutic work enabled them to comprehend the impact of daughter's suicide on marital conflict psychologically. It also led them to re-explore their relationship and to repair their intimacy as a couple.

TARDUGNO, CLAUDIA; MITRE, MARIA ELISA; WALTER, KATHERINE

Virtual Multifamily Framing

Virtual multifamily groups are born to reconcile various elements, respond to reality and the new needs of families during this time of isolation. They aim to give time and a field within a new space, to reflect on the theory, methodology and achievements. We are going to investigate what are the elements that work for patients and what is changing for professionals. As narcissism, omnipotence, interdependence without the presence of a body that can contain are dealt with in this new scenario. Also how to deal with your own frustration and uncertainty.

The moment we are living has imposed a revision of the fundamental concepts of the human being. Solitude takes up space within forced isolation. We had to review the priorities and the methods of relationship. Fear overwhelmed with uncertainty. Links as resources that can accommodate emotions or as increasingly tight grips, increasingly interdependencies pathogenic and pathological. Everything takes place inside the house.

Keywords: online multi-family, therapy, interdependence, bond, virtual

TISSERON, SERGE

A new Family Partner: the connected enclosure or the insidious influence of the speaking machines

As soon as a machine is able to speak like a human being, our relationship with it changes radically. On the one hand, we know that it is not a living creature, but on the other hand the possibility of interacting with it leads us to integrate it into our relational network as a living being. What differences will children make between what their father, mother, and connected enclosure tells them? Which places will they take for each one: imaginary companion, coach, therapist? And what fantasies will they arouse in families? That of a pet, of a deceased relative (Google has already filed a patent in this respect), or even that of a God who listens to what each person tells him, remembers everything, but continues to address each person as if he did not know what the others told him? And what ethical and educational principles should guide our relationships with them?

Keywords: Machines, voice, family, education, ethics