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and its transformations through couple and family
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Summaries

**THE LINK OF THE COUPLE AND HIS ARTICULATION
WITH GENDER DIFFERENCE**

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Summary

The link between partners is interplayed by their unconscious functioning which is articulated according to an intersubjectivity influenced by fantasy and emotional resonances. The theory of the intersubjective links of the couple takes into account the analogy, as well as the difference and in particular the one between genders. The author explains the terms used and their various theoretical options. The practice of the couple psychoanalytical therapy requests, on behalf of the therapist, a refined listening of the disagreements, which actually escalate to increased violence, parallel to the contemporary evolution of the stand of both man and woman. The problem in identifying and understanding the conflicts is exacerbated by the enigmatic nature of gender difference. This generates competition, jealousy, and fear of the other's influence on oneself. The recognition of the other partner is compromised to the point that each partner cannot see the fact that the changes in the respective positions could allow more stimulating relationship and accomplished personal self-fulfillment. A case contribute to illustrate these problems and to propose techniques to approach them.

Keywords: Link of the couple, gender difference, narcissism, objectality, recognition.

THE DREAM AS A BRIDGE BETWEEN LEVELS OF FUNCTIONING IN BOTH THE FAMILY AND THE COUPLE

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Summary

The author illustrates various therapeutic uses of the dream within the framework of the family and the couple. She doesn't only examine the specific detail of interpretation within these frameworks but also how the dreams of each family member may work inside themselves as powerful inducers of change both in the other members and in the family as a whole.

She observes the various shapes that one of the family member's dreams may take within the framework of the couple or family, (for example, it may happen that one of the partners may dream in place of the other, or when trying to explain the actions of the other. Sometimes there are dreams that are told by both members of a couple during a session which show complementary aspects or the level of link that has been co-constructed between the two partners). The author discusses how a dream can and must be read, both on an individual level and as an expression of the functioning of the family and link that unites the couple, and thus, at an intra-psychic level and interpersonal level.

However, the dream that breaks into a family space is a powerful attracter and is often an inducer of other dreams in other members, as if all the other forces of the family or couple could syntonise themselves more or less at the same time onto a new phenomena which is unpredictable, and which suddenly pushes all the members into another dimension.

Even the existance of a dream is a powerful inducer for a new level of affective functioning and relationships as is the possibility of thought and the opening up to the contents of split or inhibited families.

Keywords: Dream, link, dissociation, inhibition, level of family functioning.

THE LINK AS A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OTHERS

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Summary

As “link” is a term which is widely used in psychoanalytical literature, it is important to be precise about its meaning. In this paper, “link” refers specifically to the relationship **between** people. A link generates a virtual space between people where a radical difference exists. In psychoanalysis, there are two ways of conceptualizing “link” that I will call Model I and Model II. In this paper, I will detail the characteristics of these two models. In Model I, the structure of the link is considered as an extension of object relations. In Model II, I show the specificity of the notion of link as distinct from the concept of object relations. It is important to take into account that each model has a different origin, different logic and different effect on subjectivity.

Keywords: link, the effect of presence, judgement of presence, interference, radical difference, otherness.

THE BOND (FAMILIAR): ITS RELATION WITH THE ONE AND THE TWO

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Summary

This text is based on the way in which the authors conceive the bond. Emphasizing the logical and chronological priority of the one in the constitution of the bond they discuss with those authors which raise the idea that the bond is constituted with the two.

Keywords: Familiar bond, bond and repetition, bond and difference, bond and narcissism, bond and the unconscious.

PSYCHOLOGICAL TYPES IN COUPLES THERAPY

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Summary

This article makes reference to couples psychoanalytical psychotherapy based on the personalities' types. In the transferential relationship process that comes up during the sessions, focus arises and can be demonstrated through anxieties – castration, fragmentation and anaclisis – and is elucidated through the relation between personality types – obsessive, narcissic and erotic – first described by Freud and later on modified by Bergeret and Hegenberg. An example clarifies the session's handling.

Keywords: Psychoanalytic psychotherapy, castration anxiety, couple psychotherapy, personality type, interpersonal relationship.

THE COUPLE AS A RELATIONAL COMPLEX ADAPTIVE SYSTEM. *THEORETICAL AND METHODOLOGICAL PROPOSAL*

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Summary

From the premises of the variety and complexity of the present configurations of the Couples and the Families, we propose a vision of them as Complex Adaptive Systems (CAS) from the perspective of the Relational Psychoanalysis.

We will begin exposing the CAS model briefly and we will follow with the theoretical Hypothesis that sustains the joint and integration of this model in the psychoanalytic field of the Couple and the Family: its evolution is based on the balance in the relations of attachment and the necessities of emotional connection.

Then we will present a successful brief and focused intervention with a Couple in crisis in a Public Service and we will conclude with a revision of the CAS concepts applicable, their correlate with the concepts of the psychoanalytic clinic and a brief discussion of the theoretical Hypothesis.

Keywords: Couple, Complex Adaptive Systems, relational psychoanalysis, crisis intervention, couple setting, attachment, emotional connection.



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