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**Summaries**

**ROLE OF LINKS AND SUBCONSCIOUS ALLIANCES OF  
THE «NEO-GROUP», WITHIN THERAPEUTIC WORK IN  
PTF**

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**Summary**

The groupal situation and the psychoanalytical conditions of the psychoanalytical family therapy allow us to have access to the various aspects of unconscious mobilized in this situation and specially to the part of unconscious "in suffering" in the family links. The therapeutic contract and the construction of the transference/counter-transference links in the "neo-group" support a certain outcome of the bonds and unconscious alliances in the family. Those are called into question in the group, are repeated or renewed, giving access, in the field of the transference process with the elements of unconscious mobilized in this situation.

Particularly, the formations and processes of unconscious of transgenerational origin, tied and contained in alienating or defensive, family alliances, inaccessible in the family group, will be mobilized then called into question and in work in the neo-group.

**Keywords:** neo-group, links and unconscious alliances, transmission

## **VESTIGE LINKS, GHOST LINKS**

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### **Summary**

According to the author, if the birth of the link is under the auspices of the object investment, its effects do not depend on mere presence, which would involve a simultaneous disappearance of the link and of the object invested. A link that would apply only in the presence of the other would be weak and its effects corollary labile. During mourning, the libidinal investments in the link are "recycled", including those made of hate. Ultimately, it remains a "vestige link" whose economic thickness decreases while the qualitative aspects remain. In some pathological situations marred by mystery, shame and fear, a "ghost link" may appear, which exercises an occult but harmful control over the survivor of the link. Psychoanalytic family therapy finds there a prime indication to take over, mend, repair and bring the link to a position of "vestige".

**Keywords:** family psychoanalysis, intersubjective link, vestige link, link topology.

## **FAMILY SUFFERING. DENIAL PACTS OPERATING. INCEST AS A MODE OF CLAN LINKS IN THE FAMILY**

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### **Summary**

We have presented, starting from the works of R. Kaës, the way denial pacts are operating inside the family, this in the case of a psychoanalytic family therapy.

Our clinic shows a mode of "clan" link that induces atemporality and incest, on an incestual background.

Incest occurs in the family when the brotherhood pact and the contract with the Father do not act their role as structuring unconscious alliances, this according to the works of R. Kaës (2008, 2009).

But the modes of the links inside the family get elaborated, and transform themselves, during the therapeutic process, in the transfero-countertransferential and intertransferential dynamics, making the unconscious psychical transmission turn into a rich and flexible mythopoiesis, and restoring temporality.

**Keywords:** Atemporality, clinic, denegative pacts, imago, incest, incestual, intertransferential, modality of the link, mythopoiesis, narcissic pact, transfero-countertransferential, transmission, unconscious alliance.

## **NARCISSISM AND OTHERNESS IN THE LINK**

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### **Summary**

The author starts from the hypothesis that undifferentiated ties in couples and families originate from primary narcissism, while differentiated ties are built in a relationship with the object originating from secondary narcissism.

In a parental couple, an unconscious conflict between the other and oneself culminates in cases of neuroses by a repression of fantasies in order to protect the psychism. In this type of couple, unfortunately, the relationship with the child often enables this conflict to be diverted on to "an other" that is represented by the child, carrier of the parental conflict.

The story of Juan comes to illustrate this hypothesis, illustrated by A. Eiguer in 1998, where a couple decides to "make" a child for fear of one partner's unconscious ascendancy over the other. We are talking here about ill-developed narcissistic relationships between partners that prevent the recognition of the other's otherness and that are often found in couples confronted with an anaclitic fear of loss. Recognising the other's otherness requires a transformation.

This development occurs via a third party who represents the paternal function or the maternal function according to the subject's needs. These two functions can in certain cases be assigned to a family psychoanalyst carrying projections of omnipotence that can, consequently, oscillate between them both.

**Keywords:** indifferenziated link, intersubjective link, otherness of the other, anaclitic couple, "primordial" narcissism, thirdness function.

## **NEW FAMILY FORMS: WHAT TIES AND WHAT TRANSFORMATIONS?**

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### **Summary**

We come from, but at the same time we are in, a time of great social, cultural, technical changes that inevitably imply great effort and psychic work for individuals, due to the fundamental ties between the psyche and cultural changes.

The weakening of authority, hierarchy, myths and beliefs, i.e. of the meta-social guarantors of society (Touraine 1992), gives rise to insecurity, fear, uncertainty.

We receive increasing numbers of requests for help arising from a distress originating in the ties created by new and widespread family forms, such as reconstituted families, single parent families and adoptive families.

Much has been written on the difficulties that children may meet in these situations, when they are part of new scenarios where they have to renegotiate their ties.

Up to what point can one hide the traces of one's relation to a former partner, when the presence of a child confronts each divorced parent with the trace of the other parent and his/her family?

We present a few clinical vignettes where we do not face specific full blown psychopathologies, but we are asked to act on what we would call existential suffering.

We think that in facing these new and complex situations an analyst has to give up his/her ordinary and reassuring family images and learn to tolerate contacting uncanny aspects for which no clear cut solutions are possible. To be able to think about the changes currently taking place we need to be available to an open confrontation and questioning of our reference models.

**Keywords:** Reconstitute/recompose family, link, working through separation, mourning.

## **THE PAST WITHIN THE PRESENT: TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCES AND TRANSFERENCE IN PSYCHOANALYTIC FAMILY THERAPY**

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### **Summary**

Traumatic situations, with the impact of surprise and the extreme anxiety they cause, restrict the possibility of symbolization. All psychoanalytic work is a process of communication. Therefore, a simple question, if considered in its concreteness, can prevent that a universe of relations and traumatic experiences reveals itself and can be approached in the therapeutic frame. Transference is a structure where there is always movement and activity and must be thought in terms of whole situations, transferred from past to present with its emotional charge, defenses and object relationships. In psychoanalytic family therapy, transference is a product of group fantasy and specific family activity. From a question made by a family member, assisted in a university public hospital service, the authors discuss the specificity of psychoanalytic listening and its importance for the elaboration of traumatic experiences. A clinical case is presented relating to a family who considered it possible to keep working relations both with drug dealers and the police, until the murder of staff members and others related to the situation left only family members remaining alive.

**Keywords:** Psychoanalysis, family, transgenerationality, trauma, transference.

## **SUFFERING STORY**

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### **Summary**

The suffering lived in a generation may circulate through the time when elaboration has not been possible.

The narcissistic contract guarantees the subject's structuring but, in certain circumstances, transmission may transport destructuring contents. This may occur when contents that result from traumatic experiences that could not be elaborated, result cleaved and will be object of transgenerational transmission.

As to the couple that is consulting, the imposition of the meanings, marked by Luis's family narcissism, are supported by María's silentness, interplaying enabled by unconscious alliance. In this family's history, it can be appreciated how each generation, as sustaining the transmitted mandate, contributes to perpetrate a transgenerational violence that makes impact in descendance.

**Keywords:** transgenerational transmission, family narcissism, narcissistic contract, unconscious alliances.



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