



## **Relationality and its Discontents:**

**Goldsmiths College 10.30am – 4.30pm Saturday 5 OCTOBER 2024**

### **PROGRAMME**

- 10.30 Welcome/Opening; introduction to the conference: Stephen Gee
- Morning Chair: Dr Peter Nevins*
- 10.45 -11.15 Ana Minozzo: Love and Difference Between US and Beyond: An Ethics of Togetherness
- 11.15 – 11.45 Andrew Samuels: The Shadow of the 'Relationship': Uses and Abuses of Empathy, Safety, Holding, Containment and the Therapeutic Alliance – No Therapist Works at the Client's Own Speed
- 11.45 – 12.15 Yael Pilowsky Bankirer: Vulnerable Encounters: Identities and their Discontents
- 12.15 – 12.30 Questions/Discussion
- 12.30 – 2.00 Lunch
- Afternoon Chair: Francesca Joseph*
- 2.00 - 2.30 Anastasios Gaitanidis: The Death Drive Reconsidered: A Relational Psychoanalytic Perspective.
- 2.30 – 3.00 Suzanne Adebari: In Search of a Smorgasbord Altar and The Oppositional Gaze.
- 3.00 – 3.30 Stephen Gee: Passion Stories: Till Love Us Do Part.
- 3.30 - 3.45 Tea/coffee Break
- 3.45 – 4.30 Panel discussion with Audience
- 4.30 – 4.45 Closing remarks: Nick Blackburn
- 4.45 – 6.30 Drinks

## BIOGRAPHIES

### Speakers

**Ana Minozzo** is a clinician and researcher based in London, UK. She holds a PhD and an MA in Psychosocial Studies from Birkbeck, University of London and is currently a Postdoctoral Researcher in Psychosocial Studies within FREEPSY, at the University of Essex. She has experience with several community-based mental health services and a clinic that has unfolded in relation to the threads of psychosis, gender, sexuality and migration. Ana is a member of The Site for Contemporary Psychoanalysis, in London, UK, and of the feminist research group GEPEF, in Brazil. Her research crosses the fields of medical humanities, feminist philosophy and psychosocial enquiry. She is the author of 'Anxiety as Vibration: A Psychosocial Cartography' (Palgrave, 2024).

**Andrew Samuels** was a speaker at The Site's inaugural conference 'Why Jung?' in 1998. He calls himself a Relational Jungian Psychoanalyst. This brings together his post-Jungian background and his long-standing presence in relational psychoanalysis. He was a founder board member for 15 years of the International Association for Relational Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy and has spoken at several of their conferences. He has published in the relational journal 'Psychoanalytic Dialogues'. He co-edited with Del Lowenthal 'Relational Psychotherapy, Psychoanalysis and Counselling: Appraisals and Reappraisals'. Andrew was the co-founder of Psychotherapists and Counsellors for Social Responsibility and is known for his work connecting therapy and politics. He was chair of the UK Council for Psychotherapy from 2009-2012. He is a professor, author, activist, and political consultant. A new book will be out next year entitled 'Reflecting Critically on the Political Psyche: Therapy, Testament and Trouble'. Videos and rants are on [www.andrewsamuels.com](http://www.andrewsamuels.com)

**Yael Pilowsky Bankirer** is a poet and a psychoanalyst based in Cambridge, UK. She is a member of the Site for Contemporary Psychoanalysis. She is a Medical Doctor and holds a PhD in Gender Studies and Psychoanalysis. She is the author of several books and papers (in both English and Hebrew). Her book 'Psychoanalytic Explorations of the Masculine and the Maternal' will be published this November by Routledge.

**Dr Anastasios Gaitanidis** is a Relational Psychoanalytic Psychotherapist, Director of Studies, Author, Theory Editor and Supervisor. In addition to his clinical work as a psychoanalyst, Anastasios has held appointments as a Senior Lecturer and Director of Studies and has provided clinical and research supervision to psychotherapists and counselling psychologists at Regent's University London, University of Roehampton and Metanoia Training Institute. He is currently Visiting Professor for the professional doctorate in counselling psychology at Regent's University London. Anastasios is the Theory Editor of the European Journal of Psychotherapy and Counselling (EJPC). He has published a substantial body of academic work including journal articles and books. His most recent book is entitled 'The Sublime in Everyday Life'.

**Suzanne Adebari** is a psychoanalyst in private practice based in South West London. Formerly clinical director of The Maya Centre, a community-based charity offering talking therapy, education and wellbeing services to women on low incomes in North London. She

has worked in specialist psychotherapy services for the NHS and as a researcher and senior manager in the private and charity sectors.

**Stephen Gee** is a former Chair of The Site for Contemporary Psychoanalysis and has served on the Training Committee. He has spoken at conferences at The Site, The Freud Museum and, this Summer, at the International Association for Relational Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis conference in Mexico. He practices full-time as a psychoanalyst and supervisor in South London.

### **Conference Chairs**

**Nick Blackburn** is the Chair of The Site for Contemporary Psychoanalysis. He is the author of 'The Reactor: A Book about Grief and Repair' which was published by Faber in 2022.

**Francesca Joseph** is a psychoanalyst in private practice and a member of The Site for Contemporary Psychoanalysis. She has served as co-Chair of The Site and is currently a member of the Training committee.

**Dr Peter Nevins** has been a psychoanalyst in private practice since 1995. He holds a Doctorate in clinical science in psychotherapy from the University of Kent and teaches at various psychoanalytic training institutions. He has worked in mental health services in London since 1987. He was the Chief Executive Officer at Islington Mind, a London-based mental health charity, from 2001 until December 2020. He was a founding member of the Site for Contemporary Psychoanalysis and has served on Site committees for several years. He is an accredited Alternative Dispute Resolution Mediator with experience in both corporate mediation and mediation between patients and therapists. His areas of interest are phenomenology and psychoanalysis, as well as how the disciplines of psychotherapy and philosophy can inform our practice of psychoanalysis.