

The Australian Association of Group Psychotherapists:

Presents a morning seminar on Saturday November 8th for people interested in the history of Psychoanalysis and in the politics of Discourse.

“AN ILLUSTRIOUS UNKNOWN MAN”

In a recent book the editors Edi and Giorgio Pertagato refer thus to the subject of their investigations-Trigant Burrow; he was an analyst who trained with Freud, was analysed by Jung, in 1911 founded the American Psychoanalytic Association with Ernest Jones and others, and was the first co-president of the American Psychoanalytic Society.

Conceptually he pioneered a clear theoretical shift from drives to relationship and relatedness which made him unpopular with Freud.

He began working psychoanalytically with groups in the early 1900's, and coined the group analytic terms "matrix", "group analysis" and "social unconscious".

His name and creativity had almost completely disappeared from the history of Psychoanalysis and Group Analysis. S.H.Foulkes, acknowledged as the father of Group Analysis, mentioned him but did not acknowledge his contribution sufficiently.

Dr Paul Coombe and Dr Peter Hengstberger will both present papers to bring some fresh thinking to his work.

Paul Coombe's Paper:

"FREEDOM,CREATIVE THINKING,PSYCHOANALYTIC DISCOURSE AND POWER" will explore some of these ideas and look at how creative and paradigmatic breakthroughs are not enough: they need a receptive place to grow; entrenched , privileged and organised power cliques can dominate and squeeze out divergent streams of thought.

Dr Peter Hengstberger, in his paper:

"SOME THOUGHTS ON THE WORK OF TRIGANT BURROW AND HOMOPHOBIA" will focus more directly on particular aspects of Burrow's work which are also related to the dominant and entrenched views of the time and culture.

Dr Paul Coombe is a psychiatrist and individual and group psychoanalytic psychotherapist in private practice in Melbourne. He was formerly Consultant Child Psychiatrist at the Royal Childrens Hospital in Melbourne and Overseas Senior Registrar in Psychotherapy at the Cassel Hospital ,London 1990-1993. He is the immediate past president of the AAGP and a member of the Victorian Association of Psychoanalytic Psychotherapists. He has published widely in local and international journals including in areas of family therapy, psychoanalytic aspects of eating disorders, small and large analytic groups, Munchausen's Syndrome by proxy and the works of William Shakespeare.

Dr Peter Hengstberger is a psychiatrist and individual and group psychoanalytic psychotherapist in private practice in Brisbane. He is the current President of the Australian Association of Group Psychotherapists and a member of the Queensland Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy Association.

DETAILS

On Saturday November 8th from 9.00a.m. to 1.00p.m

At the VAPP rooms at 18 Erin Street, Richmond

Cost for non-members of AAGP \$60.00

For catering purposes please register by email to Dr Frances Minson

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You are very welcome to stay to lunch.

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