

Saturday September 24, 2016

13th Annual Conference of the Groupe d'étude sur l'intersubjectivité (GEI)

OPO: RA01568-16

REGISTRATION TO THE CONFERENCE

This conference is approved for continuing education units (CEU) by the *Ordre des Psychologues du Québec*: RA01568-16 (6 hours)

Date: Saturday September 24 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Registration starts at 8:00 a.m.)

Place: Le Nouvel Hôtel - room Dorchester / Maisonneuve 1740, René-Lévesque Blvd West, Montréal (Quebec) 514-931-8841. Metro Guy-Concordia. Indoor parking: entrance on Saint-Mathieu Street

Registration: Register online at intersubjectivite.com. Follow the instructions and make your payment securely online, or by mail at the address below.

If you have any difficulty completing your registration online, you can communicate with us at registrations@intersubjectivite.com or call Maurice Carrier at 514-999-0838.

Fees : (Lunch included)	By September 10	After September 10
Members of GEI	225 \$	240 \$
Non-members	250 \$	265 \$
Students*	165 \$	180 \$

*A proof of full-time university student status will be required at the registration desk on the morning of the conference

Refund Policy: A fee of 25\$ will be retained on cancellation done by writing to us up to September 17th 2016. We regret that no refunds can be allowed after that date.

Organizing Committee: Marie Noël, psychologist, treasurer of the GEI, Sylvie Ledoux, psychologist and Annette Richard, psychologist, president of the GEI

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THE PRESENTER

Dr Joye Weisel-Barth, Ph.D., Psy.D., is a senior instructor, training analyst, and supervisor at the Institute of Contemporary Psychoanalysis in Los Angeles. She teaches courses in Basic Analytic Concepts, Freud, Interpersonal Psychoanalysis, Neuroscience, Attachment Theory, and Varieties of Relational Psychoanalysis. Joye is Book Review Editor for the *International Journal of Psychoanalytic Self Psychology*, Associate Editor of *Psychoanalytic Dialogues*, and a Council Member of the International Association of Psychoanalytic Self Psychology. She is the author of many publications in psychoanalytic periodicals. Her analytic practice is in Encino, California.

THE THERAPIST'S IMAGINATION: ITS NATURE, USES AND HAZARDS*

Dr Joye Weisel-Barth, Ph.D., Psy.D.

*The presentation will be given in English.
Simultaneous interpretation in French will be available without additional cost.

THE CONFERENCE

One of the most important changes in contemporary analytic psychotherapy and psychoanalysis is its interest in and emphasis on the therapist's subjectivity and imagination as they interact with his patient's subjectivity. The therapist's subjectivity includes everything that he brings to the work: his unique mental and emotional makeup as well as his history, memory, values, biases and perspectives. It also includes his particular theories, goals, and therapeutic strategies and interventions. The therapeutic imagination refers to the ways in which all of these factors interact in the therapist's mind, creating unique images and associations that emerge in relation to the patient. This imagination functions both in session and in reflection outside of the clinical setting.

Whether quietly listening with attention and attunement, channeling the patient imaginatively, or expressing himself verbally, the therapist is a full interacting partner in the clinical setting. Although the therapeutic relationship is asymmetrical—that is, the patient's needs are always primary—the therapist's understandings of, imaginative vision for, and chosen interactions with the patient color the process and outcome of the work.

One consequence of Dr Weisel-Barth's interest in therapist subjectivity and imagination is that she presents her work through the lens of her own subjectivity and imagination. During the day, she will tell some of her own case stories—which are saturated with her subjectivity. She will try to describe how her emotional and imaginative responses to her patients inform the work and contribute to the changes that occur in both her patients and herself. She will also portray the difficulties in this kind of work: for example, how frequently we are blind to or miss aspects of our own subjectivity and, thereby, unconsciously disrupt the relationship or slip into confusing enactments.

Hopefully, much of our day with Dr Joye Weisel-Barth will involve using her clinical material to spark a lively conversation about the ways in which our subjectivity and imagination are alive and active in our therapeutic work.

THE LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- ▶ Describe the nature and functions of the therapist's subjectivity;
- ▶ Explain the nature and functions of the therapist's imagination and the roles of memory, associations, desires and theories in the constitution of that imagination;
- ▶ Illustrate some of the inherent difficulties related to the emotional engagement of the therapist;
- ▶ Identify the role of time and imagined future vision in therapeutic action.

THE SCHEDULE

20 minutes breaks during the morning and in the afternoon

9 h	Introduction of speaker
9 h 15	I- Sense of time, imagined future, and therapeutic process
11 h	II- Confusions and hazards in relational therapeutic practice
12 h 30	Lunch
14 h	III- The therapist's feeling of envy in her work with a creative patient: 4 scenes
15 h 30	Discussion with audience
16 h 30	End

GROUPE D'ÉTUDE SUR L'INTERSUBJECTIVITÉ (GEI)

The GEI is a professional association of psychotherapists who are practicing from an intersubjective perspective inspired by Self Psychology. It offers an affiliative opportunity to therapists who would like to learn this particular approach. Our objectives include the advancement of continuing education for our members and the sharing of clinical experiences and reflections.

This presentation by Dr Joye Weisel-Barth, our guest speaker of the year, is a peak moment in our activities. We are very happy to offer simultaneous translation to those who want it.

TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE GEI

Any psychotherapist member of a professional Order, or with a permit of psychotherapist is eligible. The fee, 30\$ for the 2016 membership, is payable online at intersubjectivite.com or by cheque to the GEI at the address below. Members have access to more resources on the GEI website and benefit from reduced fees for registration at our activities which are held in French except for the annual conference.

To be included on our mailing list and be informed of our activities, you can register at intersubjectivite.com