

"Trauma, in my view, constitutes the overarching context in which human connectedness is imperiled."

— Doris Brothers

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The Groupe d'étude sur l'intersubjectivité

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 Doris Brothers, our guest speaker of the year, is a peak moment in our activities. We are very happy to offer simultaneous translation from English to French and from French to English again this year.

To become a member of the GEI

Any psychotherapist who belongs to a professional Order, or has a permit of practice from the OPQ as psychotherapist can become a member of the GEI. A 30\$ fee for the 2015 membership is payable online at intersubjectivite.com/drupal/adhesion2015, or by mailing your cheque to the GEI at the address below. Members have access to more resources on the GEI web site and benefit from reduced fees for registration at our activities which are held in French, except for the annual conference. To subscribe to the GEI mailing list and be informed of our activities, please go to intersubjectivite.com/drupal/envois.

Registration

Please register from the GEI website at intersubjectivite.com/drupal/12th_conference. Follow the instructions and make your payment securely on line, or by mailing your cheque at the address below. If you have any difficulty completing your registration on line, you can communicate with us at inscriptions@intersubjectivite.com or call Marc Berthiaume at 514-876-4310.

Fees (Lunch included)

	By September 12	After September 12
Members	190 \$	205 \$
Non-members	205 \$	220 \$
University Students* (full time)	130 \$	140 \$

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

Refund Policy

If you must cancel your registration, please do it by writing and a refund less an administrative fee of 25\$ will be allowed up to September 12, 2015. We regret that no refunds can be allowed after that date

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12th Annual Conference
Groupe d'étude
sur l'intersubjectivité

Trauma-Centered Therapy in a Troubled World*



By Doris Brothers, Ph.D.
Psychologist, Psychoanalyst

Saturday September 26 2015
from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
(Registration starts at 8:00 a.m.)

Le Nouvel Hôtel – room Dorchester / Maisonneuve
1740 West, René-Lévesque Blvd, Montreal
Indoor parking: entrance on Saint-Mathieu St.
Metro Guy-Concordia

This conference is approved for continuing education credits in psychotherapy by the Ordre des Psychologues du Québec. No of accreditation OPQ: RA01136-15 (6 hours)

*The presentation will be given in English. Simultaneous translation will be available without cost.

Schedule

One morning and one afternoon break of 20 minutes

8:00	Registration
9:00	Introduction of speaker
9:15	Bullies Close to Home
10:50	War, Peace and Promise-Making: Becoming a Late-Life Activist
12:30	Lunch
14:00	The Impact of Culture, Immigration and Language on the Sense of Belonging : Akela's Homesickness
15:30	Discussion with audience
16:30	End

The Conference

We can no longer ignore how the world impacts us, our patients and ourselves, even behind the closed doors of our consulting rooms. While it is a world filled by wonderful opportunities for many, it is also replete with oppression and terror for others. From a contemporary relational psychoanalytic perspective, Doris Brothers work offers us a deep understanding of the emergence and the transformation of human experience, including trauma and its intergenerational transmission, within its multiple relational contexts.

Bullies Close to Home. Who is the victim? Who is the perpetrator? Who is bullied? Who is the bully? Who am I? In this presentation Dr Brothers will attempt to illustrate the roots of bullying in intergenerational trauma by referring to her relational systems concept of "traumatic attachments» and by examining the extent to which Freud's life and thought reflect themes of bullying as a response to the traumatizing anti-Semitism that pervaded his family's history. She will then briefly describe her work with a woman whose experiences of being the victim of bullying may be traced back to her grandparents' generation.

War, Peace and Promise-Making : Becoming a Late-Life Activist. In this presentation, Dr Brothers will discuss the effect of two wars on her life: World War II and the war in Viet Nam. Then she will discuss the complexities involved in relinquishing the role of silent bystander in the analytic space as well as on the world stage through an examination of the concept of promise-making. A clinical example will illustrate how the complicated and demanding process of making and keeping promises affected a therapeutic process.

The Impact of Culture, Immigration and Language on the Sense of Belonging : Akela's Homesickness. This presentation will focus on the complex ways in which language contributes to the subjective sense of belonging and not belonging, of feeling accepted and welcome vs. rejected and excluded. Dr Brothers will describe her therapeutic relationship with a woman who immigrated to the United States from Egypt as a child. Because she first treated her and her husband in couples therapy before she began work with her in individual treatment, the case also offers an opportunity to reflect on the relative roles of these two modalities in the overall effectiveness of therapy.

The Presenter

Doris Brothers, Ph.D. is a psychologist/psychoanalyst, and a co-Founder of the *Training and Research in Intersubjective Self Psychology Foundation (TRISP)*. She is co-editor with Roger Frie of the *International Journal of Psychoanalytic Self Psychology* and chief editor of *eForum*, the online newsletter of the *International Association for Psychoanalytic Self Psychology (IAPSP)*. She is Secretary of IAPSP and serves on its council, executive and advisory boards. She has presented her work at many professional conferences throughout the United States and abroad. Her books include: *Toward a Psychology of Uncertainty: Trauma-Centered Psychoanalysis* (2008), *Falling Backwards: An Exploration of Trust and Self-Experience* (1995), and, with Richard Ulman, *The Shattered Self: A Psychoanalytic Study of Trauma* (1988). Dr. Brothers chaired the committee that organized the 2011 multi-disciplinary conference entitled *Bystanders No More: Psychotherapeutic Dialogues for the Politically Silenced*. She is in private practice in Manhattan, New York, USA.

Objectives

- 1 Identify the traumatic attachment patterns that are associated with the intergenerational transmission of bullying.
- 2 Describe the ways in which intergenerational trauma leads to the creation of such dualities as victim/perpetrator and bullied/bully which impede the development of a sense of belonging.
- 3 Explain how compassion leads to healing for those who experience themselves as both perpetrator and victim.
- 4 Increase awareness of how culture, migration, language, and other external factors impact the sense of belonging.