



**GROUPE D'ÉTUDE**  
SUR L'INTERSUBJECTIVITÉ

14th ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE GROUPE  
D'ÉTUDE SUR L'INTERSUBJECTIVITÉ (GEI)  
Saturday September 23rd 2017  
Donna M. Orange, Ph. D., Psy. D.

**Saturday September 23<sup>rd</sup> 2017, from 9 am to 4:30 pm.**  
**Le Nouvel Hôtel – room Dorchester / Maisonneuve**  
1740, René-Lévesque Blvd West, Montreal.  
Indoor parking: entrance on Saint-Mathieu Street.  
Guy-Concordia metro station.

**Registration:** Register online at [intersubjectivite.com](http://intersubjectivite.com). Make your payment securely online, or by mailing your check to the GEI address. If you have any difficulty completing your registration online, contact us at [registrations@intersubjectivite.com](mailto:registrations@intersubjectivite.com), or call Maurice Carrier at 514-999-0838.

**Refund Policy:** Registration cancellations in writing up to September 16<sup>th</sup> 2017 will be refunded less a \$25 administration charge. We regret that no refunds can be allowed after that date.

**Organizing Committee:** Marie Noël, psychologist, treasurer, Sylvie Ledoux, psychologist, administrator and Annette Richard, psychologist, president.

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This conference is approved by the Ordre des psychologues du Québec for 6 hours of continuing education units (CEUs). No OPQ: RA01975-17

### / The Schedule

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**8 am** - Registration  
- Continental breakfast served on the premises

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**9 am** - Introduction of speaker

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**9:15 am** Donna Orange  
- "The suffering stranger":  
hermeneutics for everyday clinical practice  
- Discussion with audience

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**12 pm** - Lunch

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**1:30 pm** Donna Orange  
- The therapist's emotional availability and the  
resources to sustain it  
- Discussion with audience

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**4:30 pm** - End

### Fees Lunch included\*

\* Lunch included for registrations done by Tuesday September 19<sup>th</sup> 2017

\*\* A proof of full-time university student status will be required at the registration desk.

### By September 9<sup>th</sup>

GEI Members	\$225
Non-members	\$250
Students**	\$165

### After September 9<sup>th</sup>

GEI Members	\$240
Non-members	\$265
Students**	\$180

### // The conference

There seems to be a significant convergence between dialogic attitudes and radical ethical philosophical trends emerging in recent psychoanalysis. This ethical turn puts the Other first, the self turned toward the Other, making each of us my Other's keeper. Our guest speaker,

Dr. Donna Orange, has also been evolving through her intersubjectivist perspective on psychotherapy towards a dialogic hermeneutics inspired by Gadamer (1900-2002) and a radical levinasian ethics (Levinas, 1906-1995). Drawing on her intimate knowledge of both psychoanalysis and philosophy, through her teaching, she is conveying to psychotherapists and humanitarian workers this message of "infinite responsibility" (Levinas) towards the suffering Other. Recognizing the gap between this responsibility and our all-too-finite human capacities, Dr. Orange draws on psychoanalytic and philosophical resources in offering a way to ground our courage and support us in this kind of work.

Dr. Orange will first describe the differences between a hermeneutics of suspicion and a hermeneutics of trust (Ricoeur, 1965) and their consequences in the clinical dialogue, along with the ethics of response and responsibility to the "suffering stranger" (Levinas, 1982). Demonstrating the demanding clinical work related to this ethical turn in psychoanalysis that psychotherapists often undertake with fragile, devastated or traumatized people, she will then attempt some responses to the following questions: What forms of responsibility rest upon us all, and how do we keep responding? What personal, spiritual, and communal resources nourish us as we try to keep responding and living humanly? How can anyone live with an ethic that never allows us to say that we have done enough? Given our vulnerabilities, our human exposure to life's vicissitudes and constraints, given our personal and human limitations, and the isolating character of much therapeutic work, how do we go on healing and restoring dignity to Others?

Dr. Orange invites the practicing clinician, as a practicing philosopher in the ancient sense, to internalize the crucial resources needed to nourish and sustain the kind of practice that clinical work in the best of psychoanalytic relational tradition, including the ethical turn, requires. Within acute social/political inequality and climate justice crisis, we need Dr. Orange's prophetic voice to sustain us in our hope in humanity.

### /// The presenter

Dr. Donna M. Orange, Ph. D., Psy. D., is a psychoanalyst and philosopher living in California. She is Adjunct Professor and Supervisor at the *New York University (NYU) Post-Doctoral Program in Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis*, faculty, training and supervising analyst at the *Institute for the Psychoanalytic Study of Subjectivity (IPSS)* in New York, and at the *Istituto di Specializzazione in Psicologia Psicoanalitica del Sé e Psicoanalisi Relazionale (ISIPSE)* in Rome, Italy. She has authored six books and co-authored two others with Robert Stolorow and George Atwood. She has received many awards for her unique contribution to the field of psychoanalysis through the application of her philosophical knowledge and thinking.

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### //// Learning Objectives

- Describe the experience and the meanings of psychological trauma and its impact on the therapist and the intersubjective field.
- Situate the ethics of personal responsibility in the context of the therapeutic relationship with the traumatized Other.
- Differentiate between the ethics of responsibility of the therapist and self-denial or compliance.
- Identify the communitarian, spiritual and personal resources which can sustain the therapist in this ethical responsibility.

### ///// Groupe d'étude sur l'intersubjectivité (GEI)

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

*This presentation by Dr. Donna Orange, our guest speaker of this year, is a peak moment in our yearly activities.*

*"The required capacities and attitudes involve not only wisdom and compassion, but also vulnerability and fallibilism, courage and humility."*

*(Orange, 2015, p. x)*

### ///// To become a member of GEI

Any psychologist, or psychotherapist with an OPQ permit is eligible. Students in a program leading to the practice of psychotherapy, as well as those in the process of obtaining a psychotherapist's license are also eligible. The 2017 membership fee is \$30. You'll be able to fill in your application at [intersubjectivite.com](http://intersubjectivite.com) and pay either online or by mailing your check to the GEI address.

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*To be included in the GEI mailing list and be informed of our activities, you can register at [intersubjectivite.com](http://intersubjectivite.com).*