



INTERNATIONAL
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ASSOCIATION

TIP Toronto Institute of
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26th JOSEPH SANDLER
PSYCHOANALYTIC RESEARCH CONFERENCE

Theaters *of the* Mind

DREAMS • TRANSFERENCE • DISSOCIATION • TRAUMA

PROGRAM

IPA Research Committee

HOSTED BY
TORONTO INSTITUTE OF PSYCHOANALYSIS

OCTOBER 16–18, 2026

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY
University of Toronto





FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

10:30 – 11:30

REGISTRATION

Old Vic Foyer

11:30 – 11:45

WELCOME

Heribert Blass (IPA President) • Siri Erika Gullestad

Margaret Ann F. Hanly • Stephen Leibow

PLENARY I



11:45 – 1:00

STEPHAN HAU (Stockholm)

On Nightmares

DISCUSSANT

Joseph Fernando (Toronto)

CHAIR

Erik Stänicke

1:00 – 2:15

SIRI ERIKA GULLESTAD (Oslo)

“I Don’t Want to End”: Understanding Trauma Through Relational Scenarios and the Dynamics of Transference–Countertransference

DISCUSSANT

Cecilia Taiana (Ottawa)

CHAIR

Margaret Ann F. Hanly

2:15 – 3:00



COFFEE BREAK WITH SANDWICHES

3:00 – 4:15

STEVEN ELLMAN (New York)

Dreams, REM Sleep and a Theory of Endogenous Stimulation

DISCUSSANT

Louis Brunet (Montreal)

CHAIR

Stephan Doering

4:15 – 5:30

CLARA SCHEJTMAN (Buenos Aires)

The Impact of a Hyperconnected World on Parenting and Transference: Initial Research Results on Maternal and Paternal Reflective Function and Emotional Interactive Engagement

DISCUSSANT

Heribert Blass (Düsseldorf)

CHAIR

Rogério Lerner

5:30 – 6:15



COFFEE BREAK

EVENING LECTURE

6:15 – 8:15

MARK SOLMS (Cape Town)

Freudian Dream Theory in Light of Modern Neuroscience

CHAIR Siri Erika Gullestad

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

PLENARY II

8:00 – 9:00



CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST (Alumni Hall)

9:00 – 10:15

MARIANNE LEUZINGER-BOHLEBER (Frankfurt/Main)

BRADLEY PETERSON (Los Angeles)

TAMARA FISCHMANN (Berlin)

GILLES AMBRESIN (Lausanne)

*“...I Could Count Myself King of Infinite Space,
Were It Not That I Have Bad Dreams...” (Hamlet):
Dreams in the MODE Study”*

DISCUSSANT

Nancy Kulish (Michigan)

CHAIR

Line Stänicke

10:15 – 10:30



COFFEE BREAK (Poster Session)

10:30 – 11:45

ALEXANDRA HARRISON (Boston)

*“Billy and the Thirteen Blackbirds”: Co-creativity
in the Transference Field*

DISCUSSANT

Line Stänicke (Oslo)

CHAIR

Doug Weir

11:45 – 1:00

CHARLES FISHER (Los Angeles)

*“Dream Interpretation in the Amazon Rainforest:
Implications for Psychoanalytic Practice Within
a Philosophy of Science Approach”*

DISCUSSANT

Carolyn Ellman (New York)

CHAIR

Ron Ruskin

1:00 – 2:00



LUNCH ON SITE (Alumni Hall and Foyer) (Poster Session)

2:00 – 3:15

DOMINIQUE SCARFONE & STEVEN ELLMAN

*Open Dialogue on Repression, the Unconscious,
Dissociation, and Transference*

CHAIR

Stephan Hau

3:15 – 4:30

JOSEPH FERNANDO (Toronto)

Trauma, Dissociation and Authoritarianism

DISCUSSANT

Erik Stänicke (Oslo)

CHAIR

Cyril Levitt

4:30 – 5:00



COFFEE BREAK (Poster Session)



PARALLEL PANELS

5:00 – 6:30

PANEL 1 CHAIR: Mary Kay O'Neil

Eva Papaislivi (New York)

PRESENTATION

*"Concept of Transference across time and cultures:
IPA Inter-regional Dictionary: Working Methodologies"*

PANEL 2. CHAIR: Dan Traub-Werner

Katrin Läzer (Darmstadt)

PRESENTATION

*"Psychoanalytical concepts and single case studies
translated into a systematic review"*

PRESENTATION

Rogério Lerner (São Paulo)

*"How evidence depends on context, and why this
matters for psychoanalysis"*

PANEL 3. CHAIR: Sarah Freke

Erik Stänicke, Line Stänicke and Siri Erika Gullestad (Oslo)

PRESENTATION

*"The challenge of psychoanalysis confronting modern Zeitgeist:
Emancipation and power in the digital age"*

PANEL 4. CHAIR: Frank Marra

David Titelman (Stockholm)

PRESENTATION

*"Psychoanalytic perspectives on suicide-nearness: Testimonies
gleaned from the life-work of two prominent writers —
Primo Levi and Harry Martinson"*

6:30 – 7:30



WINE AND CHEESE RECEPTION

Old Vic Foyer and Alumni Hall



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

PLENARY III



8:00 – 9:00



CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST (Alumni Hall)

9:00 – 10:15

MARGARET ANN FITZPATRICK HANLY (Toronto)

*Sibling Trauma in Jane Austen, Rene Kaes and
Clinical Implications*

DISCUSSANT

Gabriela Legorreta (Montreal)

CHAIR

Cecilia Taiana

10:15 – 10:30



COFFEE BREAK (Poster Session)

10:30 – 11:45

STEPHAN DOERING (Vienna)

*Thinking Under Fire and the Treatment Frame:
Lessons Learned from Transference-Focused
Psychotherapy of Borderline Patients*

DISCUSSANT

Norman Doidge (Toronto)

CHAIR

Stephen Leibow

11:45 – 12:45

CLOSURE OF THE CONFERENCE

Siri Erika Gullestad, *Chair; IPA Research Committee*

Stephen Leibow, *Director; Toronto Institute of Psychoanalysis*

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION AND SITE INFORMATION

REGISTRATION FEES

The conference registration fee includes sandwiches on Friday, a light breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, Saturday lunch, a wine and cheese reception on Saturday evening, coffee breaks, and refreshments.

Registration Fee	\$490 CAD
Approx. 350 USD or 300 EUR	

	CONFERENCE SITE:	Victoria University, in the University of Toronto 73 Queen's Park Crescent East, Toronto, ON M5S 1K7
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	ACCOMMODATIONS:	The following hotels are within a 10-minute walk of the site. Request the University of Toronto Conference Rate • Kimpton St. George Hotel • The Yorkville Royal Sonesta Hotel Toronto
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RESTAURANT RECOMMENDATIONS

RESTAURANT	CUISINE	ADDRESS	DISTANCE FROM CONFERENCE SITE (St. George Campus)	TYPICAL COST PER PERSON
Rasa	Contemporary Canadian / Global Sharing Plates	196 Robert St., Toronto	0.7 km (10-minute walk / 3-minute Uber)	\$60–90
Bar Mercurio	Northern Italian (Pasta & Pizza)	270 Bloor St. W., Toronto	0.8 km (10-minute walk / 3-minute Uber)	\$45–75
Brasserie Côte	Classic French Brasserie	400 Bloor St. W., Toronto	1.0 km (12-minute walk / 4-minute Uber)	\$70–95
Trattoria Nervosa	Traditional Italian	75 Yorkville Ave., Toronto	1.4 km (18-minute walk / 6-minute Uber)	\$60–90
Chantecler	Contemporary French	798 Bloor St. W., Toronto	2.3 km (8–10-minute Uber)	\$75–95