

**Benedetta D'Intino Foundation and Centre
International Online Conference
October 2nd and 3rd 2020**



Ryan Spring Dooley, *In the nursery*, 2018, private collection

**DEPRESSION AND THE DEPRESSIVE POSITION IN EARLY
CHILDHOOD: THEORETICAL AND CLINICAL DEVELOPMENTS**

Friday, 2nd October

8.45

Welcome and Introduction by Sara Micotti

9.00

Depression in neuropsychanalysis

Presenter: Mark Solms

10.00

Depression before speech

Presenter: Chiara Cattelan

10.45

*From schizoid withdrawal to the capacity to “dream”.
An analytic journey through the Jurassic of the mind*

Presenter: Massimo Vigna Taglianti

(Break 15 minutes)

11.45

Roundtable and audience discussion, introduction by Francesco Barale

12.30

Workshops

The structuring of psychosomatic disorders: traumatic events experienced by child and parents

Presenters: **Rosa D'Agostino; Valeria Ladino Corina**

Chair: **Fiamma Buranelli**

13.40

First day Conference Closing

Saturday, 3rd October

8.45

Welcome and Introduction by Sara Micotti

9.00

Negative Capability and the capacity to play

Presenter: **Antonino Ferro**

9.45

Primary depression and movements towards the depressive position (Video-presentation)

Presenter: **Serge Sanchez**

(Break 15 minutes)

11.00

Roundtable and audience discussion, introduction by **Rosa Spagnolo**

11.40

Workshops

Feelings of depression in migrant mothers and children

Presenters: **Ida Finzi; Federica Stortoni**

Chair: **Barbara Valli**

12.50

Workshops

Beyond the techniques of medically-assisted procreation (MAP). Silent suffering and early psychotherapeutic intervention

Presenters: **Giovanni Marchitelli; Ausilia Sparano,**

Chair: **Diana Norsa**

(Break 30 minutes)

14.30

Workshops

Feelings of depression in children and young teens with SLD

Presenters: **Andrea Clarici; Ilaria Dufour**

Chair: **Anna Erba**

15.40

Workshops

When a secure base has been missing. The Resurgence of child depression during adolescence

Presenters: **Antonella Anichini; Monica Bomba**

Chair: **Anna Scansani**

16.50

Conference Closing

Workshop format:

Each workshop will comprise of

- Two case presentations of 20 minutes each
- An Introduction and discussion of 30 minutes

Introduction to the meeting by Sara Micotti

The conference aims to explore depression in young children by bringing two different disciplines into conversation: affective neuroscience and psychoanalysis. Internationally experienced researchers and clinicians will discuss what occurs when "the secure base" suffers upsets, disruptions and tensions from the beginning of life and how the tools of research, observation, listening, play and words can help children and parents.

During our plenary sessions and parallel clinical workshops, we will discuss the following questions: Can "*le mal de vivre*" affect us from earliest childhood? Can young children experience *de-pression*, namely, the collapse of their vital instincts, particularly of the *seeking system* which is integral to the human urge to explore the unknown?

Integrating sadness and vitality is a crucial phase of psychic maturation. In psychoanalytic terms, we refer to it as the movement towards the "depressive position". How can unprocessed, shapeless and nameless terrors experienced at sensory level be transformed through the therapeutic relationship? What role is played by therapists at work with patients and carers in capturing the phenomena of the field that come to life in the meeting of minds during the session? Let us think of a way of working that arises from the idea (or what Keats and Bion called *negative capability*) that much of both the external and internal world escapes our immediate understanding. Today, we will focus on therapeutic work that expands the psychic container and develops the capacity to play and dream as well as a feeling of aliveness.

Doctors, psychologists, psychoanalysts, psychotherapists, pediatricians and other childcare professionals will have the opportunity to meet and discuss treatment tools and explore a radically intersubjective vision of how the psyche is born and how psychoanalysis works.

Scientific Committee

Federica Bono, Fiamma Buranelli, Ilaria Dufour, Rita Giorgiutti, Valeria Ladino, Emanuela Maggioni, Sara Micotti, Sandra Piperno, Rosa Spagnolo

Organizing Committee

Alice Cannone, Marta Falsirollo, Rosamaria Ferrante, Roberta Pozzi

Participation

Participation in the Study Day is open to educators, speech therapists, doctors, psychoanalysts, psychologists, psychomotor therapists, and psychotherapists.

Cost: € 90 (including Italian VAT) until July 15th, 2020

Cost: € 110 (including Italian VAT) after July 15th, 2020

Undergraduate and postgraduate students under 30 years: € 30.00 (including Italian VAT)

Cancellation/Refund Policy:

50% of the registration fee will be refunded if notice of withdrawal is received from registrant on before August 31st, 2020. Please send notice of withdrawal via email to Marta Falsirollo:

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No refunds after September 1st, 2020

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