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# When the body speaks: Conversion disorder and beyond

18-20 July 2024

## EDUCATION DAY

Thursday 18 July

Venue: Trieste Convention Center  
Via Miramare 24

Chair: Maggie Zellner

- 09:00-09:55    **Registration and Coffee**
- 09:55-10:00    *Welcome*
- 10:00-11:00    **Andrea Clarici:** *Somatization in psychoanalysis: From Freud to present day*  
11:00-11:15    Discussion from the floor
- 11:15-11:45    *Comfort break*
- 11:45-12:45    **Marco Onofrj:** *Critical thoughts on the omission of psychoanalysis in the tentative redefinition of functional neurologic disorders*  
12:45-13:00    Discussion from the floor
- 13:00-14:00    *Lunch*
- 14:00-15:00    **Michael Michael:** *A Freudian twist on the Bayesian account of hysteria: Exploring the role of unconscious emotion in Functional Neurological Disorder*  
15:00-15:15    Discussion from the floor

## CONGRESS

- 15:15-16:00    **Registration and Tea**  
16:00-16:30    *Welcome and speeches by dignitaries*
- 16:30-17:30    **Jon Stone:** *Functional Neurological Disorder (FND) – Time to defy dualism*  
17:30-18:00    Discussion from the floor
- 18:30            **Reception**

# Friday 19 July

Venue: Aula Magna Edificio A –  
Università di Trieste – Piazzale Europa 1

Chair: Andrea Clarici

**Please note:** No coffee served before the day's programme begins.

**08:25-08:30** *Welcome*

**08:30-09:15** **Amanda Jones:** *Parental denial of their baby's primary emotions: Some thoughts about the consequences for a baby's forming body and mind*

**09:15-09:30** Discussion from the floor

**09:30-10:15** **Olaf Blanke:** *Invisible presences and 'Das Unheimliche'*

**10:15-10:30** Discussion from the floor

**10:30-11:00** *Coffee and Posters*

**11:00-12:40** Parallel sessions: Symposium and Oral presentations

## Main auditorium (Aula Magna)

**Parallel session 1: Oral presentations** [25 min each] - Chair: Paolo Fonda

<b>Kenneth L. Davis</b>	<i>Primary Emotions Linked to Global Life Satisfaction Suggests Qualitatively Unique Psychological States Emerge with Low Arousal of the SADNESS System Form the Core of Life Satisfaction</i>
<b>Elena Markova</b>	<i>Transforming somatic symptoms into language</i>
<b>Ibrahim Goksin Baser</b>	<i>Narcissism From The Perspective of Affective Neuroscience</i>
<b>Matteo Bulfon</b>	<i>The role of primary affective systems and relational patterns in the onset of FND: A study on the impact of short transference-focused psychotherapeutic treatment</i>

## Room 1

**Parallel session 2: Oral presentations** [25 min each] - Chair: Paolo Manganotti

<b>Paola Caruso</b>	<i>The strange case of Functional Neurological Disorders miming a stroke: Acute identification in the emergency addressing the risk</i>
<b>Lisandro Vales</b>	<i>Neuropsychanalytic explorations of hypochondriasis and psychosomatic symptoms: The role of FEAR, RAGE, and PANIC/GRIEF in a case diagnosed with schizophrenia</i>
<b>Eyal Limony</b>	<i>Voyeurism in Hysterical Blindness</i>

## Room 2

**Parallel session 3: Symposium** – *Psychological Intervention during ongoing trauma? Some Neuropsychoanalytic perspectives and thoughts*

<b>Irith Barzel-Raveh</b> (Leader)	<i>The road between Angels, Satan &amp; The remaining human being</i>
<b>Joshua Weiss</b>	<i>Some thoughts about treating Trauma and applied Neuropsychoanalysis</i>
<b>Ynon Weisman / Yossi Salz / Marsha Hewitt</b>	<i>Twenty years past: the case of Leo: Restructuring the impact of intergenerational trauma and loss</i>
<b>Marsha Hewitt</b>	<i>Discussant</i>

**12:40-13:40** *Lunch and Poster Presentations*

**13:40-15:20** Parallel sessions: Symposium and Oral presentations

## Main auditorium (Aula Magna)

**Parallel session 4: Symposium** – *Does the body speak or act?*

<b>Susan Mizen</b> (Leader)	<i>The body acts: The implicit psychogenesis of functional motor symptoms</i>
<b>Ron Britton</b>	<i>The boundaries of the self and relationships across the border</i>
<b>Andrea Clarici</b>	<i>A case of conversion disorder: Anna has a (motivationally driven) stroke...</i>

## Room 1

**Parallel session 5: Oral presentations** [25 min each] - Chair: Mila Petkova

<b>John Dall'Aglio</b>	<i>Can this bodily prediction be interpreted? Toward a Freud-Lacanian neuropsychoanalytic diagnostic formulation</i>
<b>Iftah Biran</b>	<i>Between the uterus and the rectum: A neuropsychoanalytic exploration in conversion disorder</i>
<b>Davide Tomatis</b>	<i>Proprioception of the body through dreams. Recreate the body image without the right hemisphere</i>
<b>Evert Boonstra</b>	<i>Drive in reverse: A demand of the mind on the body for work?</i>

## Room 2

**Parallel session 6: Oral presentations [25 min each]** - Chair: Lynn Tron

<b>Lorenzo Brienza</b>	<i>Which motives support Conscientiousness? The difficult path to the emotional-motivational foundations of Conscientiousness</i>
<b>Virginia Barry</b>	<i>How Emotions Move Us and Vice Versa</i>
<b>Oliver Turnbull</b>	<i>Separated at birth: Rediscovering the lost emotions in Luria's Working Brain</i>
<b>Giovanna Tatti</b>	<i>The Body and the Trauma: Therapy as a Witness and a Place for Remembering and Telling the Truth</i>

**15:20-15:50** *Tea and Posters*

**15:50-17:30** Parallel sessions: Symposia and Oral presentations

## Main auditorium (Aula Magna)

**Parallel session 7: Symposium – Unmentalized emotional distress: An integrative computational perspective on functional somatic symptoms**

<b>Peter Henningsen</b>	<i>A brief overview on functional somatic disorders</i>
<b>Maaïke Van Den Houte</b>	<i>Negative affect-induced somatic symptoms in functional somatic syndromes: Behavioral observations and brain mechanisms</i>
<b>Richard D. Lane (Leader)</b>	<i>Deficits in the Mental Representation of Affect: Implications for the Assessment and Treatment of Functional Somatic Symptoms</i>
<b>Claudia Subic-Wrana</b>	<i>How can functional somatic symptoms be treated from a neuroscientifically-informed psychoanalytic perspective?</i>

## Room 1

**Parallel session 8: Symposium – Functional disorder in a developmental perspective: Proposal of the European Group of Neuropsychanalysis on Development**

<b>Orlando Uccellini (Leader)</b>	<i>Developmental Distortions Leading to Psychosomatic and Conversion Disorders: A Two-Person Neuroscience Perspective</i>
<b>Sara Uccella</b>	<i>When Two Bodies Become One: Is There a Psychic Subject in Fetal Life? Sleep Physiology as a Vital Connection to the Maternal Body, Including Psycho-body Pathological Disorders</i>
<b>Rosario Montirosso</b>	<i>The Body Comes First: Embodied Interactions, Maternal Embodied Sensitivity, and the Co-creation of Infant Bodily-Self</i>
<b>Mario Rosanova</b>	<i>On the Relationship Between Subjective Experience and Body: Insights from the Physiology and Pathology of Consciousness</i>

## Room 2

**Parallel session 9: Oral presentations [25 min each] - Chair: Efraín Ríos-Ruiz**

<b>Samantha Brooks</b>	<i>A novel neuroinflammatory compulsivity model of anorexia nervosa (NiCAN)</i>
<b>Veerle Van Geenhoven</b>	<i>“Modelling” conversion disorder in animals: The case of Feline Idiopathic Cystitis (FIC)</i>
<b>Marianne Leuzinger-Bohleber</b>	<i>When the body answers to psychoanalysis: First results of the <u>Multi-Level Outcome Study of Psychoanalyses of Chronically Depressed Patients with Early Trauma (MODE)</u></i>
<b>Pinar Sengul</b>	<i>Neuropharmacological Insights into Conversion Disorder</i>

### **17:30-19:00 Oxford-style Debate**

*‘This house believes that the cause of FND is always defense.’*

Moderators: **Daniela Flores Mosri** and **Nikolai Axmacher**

For the motion: **Iftah Biran** and **Michelle van den Engh**

Against the motion: **Lisa Ouss** and **John Dall’Aglio**

**Optional Dinner at San Giusto Castle**

## **Saturday 20 July**

**Venue: Aula Magna Edificio A –  
Università di Trieste – Piazzale Europa 1**

**Chair: Matija Pajer**

**Please note:** No coffee served before the day’s programme begins.

**08:25-08:30** *Welcome and introductions*

**08:30-09:15** **Cristina Alberini:** *The implicit nature of explicit memories in early development and the potential links with conversion disorders*

**09:15-09:30** Discussion from the floor

**09:30-10:15** **Selma Aybek:** *Functional Neurological Disorder (FND) – Diagnosis and mechanisms*

**10:15-10:30** Discussion from the floor

**10:30-11:00** *Coffee and Posters*

**11:00-12:40** Parallel sessions: Symposia and Oral presentations

## Main auditorium (Aula Magna)

**Parallel session 10: Symposium** – *Affect regulation in addictive and psychotic disorders: A neuropsychanalytic perspective*

<b>Human-Friedrich Unterrainer</b> (Leader)	<i>Addiction, attachment and the brain: A focused review of recent findings and future perspectives</i>
<b>Daniela Flores-Mosri</b>	<i>Depression and the mind-body dissociation in addiction</i>
<b>Jürgen Fuchshuber</b>	<i>Resting state connectivity of primary affective traits and attachment security in poly drug use disorder</i>
<b>Henriette Löffler-Stastka</b>	<i>A neuro-psychoanalytic approach to memory and perception: Implications for long-term psychotherapy</i>

## Room 1

**Parallel session 11: Oral presentations** [25 min each] - Chair: Doris Reismann-Lagrèze

<b>Nadav Gur</b>	<i>Premorbid Personality and Disinhibition Following Brain Injury: A Psychodynamic Exploration</i>
<b>Caitlin Ware</b>	<i>When the body doesn't speak</i>
<b>Idit Shalev</b>	<i>Sensory-Cognition Congruence: The Role of Focusing on Pleasant Body Parts in Emotion Regulation</i>
<b>Alicia Golijov</b>	<i>Dual-aspect Monism In The Context Of Conversion Disorders</i>

## Room 2

**Parallel session 12: Symposium** – *A Developmental Line for Symbolic Representation of the Body*

<b>Kristin Rosseau</b>	<i>Poison in the Air</i>
<b>Vijay Khilanani</b>	<i>Hysteria and its manifestations with the OTHER, as a requirement for growth</i>
<b>Joshua Kellman</b> (Leader)	<i>A Developmental Line for Symbolic Representation of the Body</i>

**12:40-14:00** Lunch and Poster Presentations **and The Int'l NPSA Society AGM**

**14:00-14:45** **Lisa Ouss:** *Developmental Perspectives on Somatic Symptom Disorders*  
Discussant: **Mark Solms**

**14:45-15:00** Discussion from the floor

**15:00-16:00** **Mark Solms in dialogue with Richard Lane:** *The neural basis of emotional experience: Alternative models and clinical implications*  
Moderator: **Peter Henningsen**

**16:00-16:15** Discussion from the floor

**16:15-16:40** *Tea Break*

**16:40-17:00** *The Poster Prize and The Sloan-Menninger-Shevrin Award Ceremony*

**17:00-17:45** *Closing Remarks*

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