



The ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT PSYCHOTHERAPISTS

Ninth Annual Day Conference

The Experience of Loss & the Search for Identity

Renos Papadopoulos & Shula Wilson

Saturday, 28th October 2006, 9.45 am to 5.00 pm
Maria Assumpta Centre (site of WPF),
23 Kensington Square London W8 5HN

Entry by programme - £45 (for psychotherapy trainees £35)
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In addition to lectures by the two speakers, there will be time for general discussion and discussion in small groups.

RENOS PAPADOPOULOS

The refugee condition: Trauma, Loss, Identity, and Adversity-Activated Development

To begin with, it will be argued that the refugee condition is not limited only to actual refugees but it exists in many other contexts encountered in psychotherapy. The concept of trauma will be explored and its application to the refugee condition will be critiqued. The types of losses in these situations will be discussed along with their implications. Particular attention will be given to the identities that tend to be constructed in these contexts. The concept of Adversity-Activated Development will be proposed and its heuristic value to the refugee condition will be investigated.

Renos K. Papadopoulos, Ph.D., is professor at the University of Essex, Consultant Clinical Psychologist at the Tavistock Clinic, training and supervising Jungian psychoanalyst, and systemic family psychotherapist. He is the editor of “*Harvest: International Journal for Jungian Studies*” and was the first chair of the Academic Subcommittee of the International Association for Analytical Psychology. As consultant to the United Nations and other organizations, he has worked with refugees and other survivors of political violence in many countries. He is the director of the Masters and PhD programmes in Refugee Care that are offered jointly by the University of Essex and the Tavistock Clinic. His last two books are *Therapeutic Care for Refugees. No Place Like Home* (London: Karnac, 2002 Tavistock Clinic Series) and *The Handbook of Jungian Psychology. Theory, Practice and Applications* (London and New York: Routledge, 2006).

SHULA WILSON

To be or not to be disabled – The psychology of impairment and identity

This talk explores the tension between the ‘wished-for identity’ and the impaired ‘real identity’ of disabled people, which often stems from fears of rejection or annihilation. We will look at the struggle to live with pain, guilt and loss and the temptation to deny or at least to perceive the impairment as a transitional phase, thus allowing for the fantasy or belief that it will disappear. The clinical material will focus on the experience of sight loss.

Shula Wilson is presenting this paper on behalf of Multi Lingual Therapy Centre (MLPC). She is a practicing psychotherapist, supervisor and the founder and clinical director of SKYLARK, Counselling Service for People Affected by Disability; she is also the head of counselling service at Centre Academy School for special educational needs. She is the author of *Disability, Counselling and Psychotherapy – Challenges and Opportunities* (Palgrave Macmillan 2003).