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The Israel Winnicott Center, Advanced Studies Program Invites you
to Participate in a Conference on

Creative Repetition and Psychoanalytic Witnessing

with **Dr Bruce Reis**

Friday 20 March, 2020

at the "Tichonet", 3 Shoshana Persitz St, Tel Aviv.

Program:

8:00 – 8:30 Informal gathering

8:30 – 10:00 First session

Greetings: Dr Meir Steinbock

Opening words and coordination: Michal Rieck

Presentation by Dr Bruce Reis: Performative and enactive features of psychoanalytic witnessing: The transference as the scene of address

Presentation by Sara Kolker: "Because we were there together, the two of us"

10:00 -10:30 Break

10:30 – 12:00 Second session: Coordinator, David Kitron

Presentation by Dr Bruce Reis: Creative repetition

Discussion: Prof. Emanuel Berman

12:00 – 12:30 Break

12:30 – 14:00 Third session: Coordinator, Hayuta Gurevitch

Case presentation, Yael Grauer-Parnas

Discussion: Dr Bruce Reis

Discussion with the audience

Printed Hebrew translations of Dr Reis's talks will be available.

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Dr Bruce Reis is a member of staff and supervising psychoanalyst at the New York Institute for Psychoanalytic Training and Research (IPTAR), and clinical lecturer at New York University's Doctoral and Post-Doctoral Program for Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis. He is a member of the Boston Change Process Study Group, as well as literary review editor (North America) at the *International Journey of Psychoanalysis*, and member of the board of *Psychoanalytic Quarterly* and *Psychoanalytic Dialogues*. He co-edited *Heterosexual Masculinities* together with Robert Grossmark. His book *Creative Repetition and Intersubjectivity* was recently published by Routledge.

Synopsis of Dr Reis's first presentation:

This presentation will attempt to broaden the conception of witnessing in analytic work with traumatized patients by extending the idea to incorporate the patient's developing and varied capacity for witnessing, as well as a witnessing that occurs within the analytic relationship itself. Actions occurring as part of traumatic repetition are understood to represent memory phenomena and are distinguished from dissociated self-state experience. These experiences are not therapeutically intended to be symbolized, but rather lived-through with the analyst, thus transforming the patient's own relation to the experience. I suggest that the scene in which this living-through takes place is the transference-countertransference matrix.

Synopsis of Dr Reis's second presentation:

This presentation is about the power of creative transformation that is to be found in Freud's (1920) observation of the Fort/Da, which is not simply about mastery by way of the ego's omnipotence but towards the growth of the individual. Rather than approach repetition as a difficulty to be transcended, I will argue that repetition is the vehicle of its own transcendence. For, if action is not to be separated from the psychic processes of the patient, which are themselves forms of action (Loewald, 1965) or from the psychoanalytic dyad, within which action is a constant variable (Reis, 2010), then this presentation explores the possibility of different outcomes for the resolution of repetition than symbolic thought.

Participants in order of appearance:

Dr Meir Steinbock – psychiatrist; faculty member, training and supervising analyst of the Israel Psychoanalytic Society and Institute ; Co-founder and director of the Israel Winnicott Center where he is also teacher and supervisor ; scientific editor of the Hebrew edition of Michael Eigen's *The Sensitive Self*, and Christopher Bollas's *Catch Them Before They Fall* (to be published shortly);.



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Michal Rieck – clinical psychologist; faculty member, training and supervising analyst of the Israel Psychoanalytic Society and Institute; Co-founder of the Israel Winnicott Center, where she is also teacher and supervisor.

Sara Kolker - clinical psychologist; faculty member, training and supervising analyst of the Israel Psychoanalytic Society and Institute; teacher and supervisor at the Israel Winnicott Center; editor of the Hebrew edition of Winnicott's *Deprivation and Delinquency*; translator and editor (with Omri Gilan) of the Hebrew edition of Winnicott's *Human Nature*.

David Kitron – clinical psychologist and supervisor, teacher and supervisor at the Israel Winnicott Center; scientific editor of the Hebrew translations of Heinz Kohut's *Restoration of the Self*; Margaret Little's *Psychotic Anxieties and Containment*, and other publications at Tolaat Sfarim Publications; among his publications: "Repetition Compulsion and Self-Psychology – Harmful Avoidance or New Opportunity" (Hebrew; in *Sihot*, 19 (1), 2004).

Prof Emanuel Berman – clinical psychologist; faculty member, training and supervising analyst of the Israel Psychoanalytic Society and Institute; teacher and supervisor at the Israel Winnicott Center; Professor Emeritus, Haifa University; editor of the series *Psychoanalysis* [Hebrew], Am Oved Publications.

Hayuta Gurevitch - clinical psychologist; faculty member, training and supervising analyst of the Israel Psychoanalytic Society and Institute; teacher and supervisor at the Israel Winnicott Center, and at the "Primitive Mental States" program.

Yael Grauer-Parnas - clinical social worker; psychoanalyst at the Israel Psychoanalytic Society; teacher and supervisor at the Israel Winnicott Center.

