

# UPROOTED MINDS:

Psyche and Society  
in Times of Crisis

2013  
FREUD  
CONFERENCE  
Saturday 18th May

## about the speakers

**DR NANCY HOLLANDER** USA, is a research psychoanalyst in private practice. She also holds a number of distinguished academic positions, including Professor Emeritus of Latin American History, California State



University. Nancy has explored the psychosocial dynamic and dramatic life changes in the post 9/11 USA, with its broader implications internationally, and the psychological meanings of living in tumultuous political, economic and social conditions.

She has analysed how experience in the social/political life of patients inevitably makes its way into the clinical setting. A prolific writer, Nancy's books include *"Uprooted Minds: Surviving the Politics of Terror in the Americas"*. She has also directed films and hosted a regular program on Pacifica Radio on various themes, including *"Psychoanalysis and Politics"*.

**DR JULIAN BURNSIDE** AO QC, is an Australian barrister, human rights and refugee advocate, and author.

Whilst maintaining his practice as a commercial litigator, appearing in many major class actions, Julian is



particularly known for his staunch opposition to the mandatory detention of asylum seekers. He has also acted in several major cases on behalf of Indigenous Australians.

Julian has received many prestigious awards, one of which was an Officer of the Order of Australia, 2009, for services as a human rights advocate, to the arts as a patron and fundraiser, and to the law. He has several successful publications on law, human rights and philology, and in addition he is a patron of numerous arts organizations.

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## CONFERENCE PROGRAM

### MORNING SESSIONS: DR NANCY HOLLANDER

#### A PSYCHOANALYTIC PERSPECTIVE ON SOCIAL TRAUMA AND PSYCHIC PAIN

Nancy Caro Hollander explores how social forces and ideology converge with unconscious dynamics to frame our experience of living in a traumatogenic globalized culture of crisis. Nancy demonstrates the extent to which "the political is personal" and illustrates through case examples how the social context of private life is inevitably manifested in the clinical setting and should be a legitimate site of analysis of the intersubjective psychoanalytic encounter.

10.30 – 11.00 Morning tea

**11.00 – 12.30 DR NANCY HOLLANDER  
FORCED TO FLEE: THE MARK OF TRAUMA AMONG FEMALE REFUGEES**

In this paper Nancy discusses the psychological dynamics (including unconscious meanings) involved in the female migration experience from the global south to the global north, using the example of Latin American female migration to the U.S.

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch

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### AFTERNOON SESSION:

14.00 – 15.30

**DR JULIAN BURNSIDE**

**FROM CONSEQUENCES TO CAUSES – A DISCUSSION OF THE REFUGEE EXPERIENCE**

The public demonization of asylum seekers who come to Australia largely overlooks what it is that impels refugees to seek asylum in another country, and what they experience when they come here as boat people.

In this paper Julian will discuss a number of individual cases which go a long way to explain the extraordinary psychological harm suffered by boat people in Australia.

15.30 – 16.00

Afternoon tea

16.00 – 17.00

Chair: Rob Gordon

Panel discussion with Dr Nancy Hollander and Dr Julian Burnside

17.00 – 18.00

Gallery viewing

drinks & nibbles, through support of the Dax Centre

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The Melbourne Brain Centre  
Kenneth Myer Building  
30 Royal Parade, Parkville  
Saturday 18th May  
8.30 – 17.00

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