

FREUD CONFERENCE BLOG

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EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION
cut-off date: Wednesday March 22, 2017

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40th anniversary
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PSYCHOANALYSIS IN THE TECHNO- CULTURE AGE

CHALLENGES OF
THE BLACK MIRROR

8.30 – 18.00 Saturday 20th May
The Melbourne Brain Centre
Kenneth Myer Building
30 Royal Parade, Parkville

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08.30 Registration & Coffee/Tea

09.00– 9.10 Introduction and Welcome:
 Dr Christine Hill

MORNING SESSIONS

09.10 – 10.45 Chair: A/Prof Frances Thomson-Salo

PROF ALESSANDRA LEMMA (via videolink)

THE BLACK MIRROR: Body, Technology, Sexuality

In this paper Alessandra reflects on the role of the body in the construction and disruption of identity coherence as it interacts with new technologies. It will illustrate some of the challenges we face in contemporary culture with respect to the development of sexual identity during adolescence. She argues that instead of becoming free-floating entities in cyberspace, the body and its unconscious identifications, as they manifest in our conscious relationship to our sexuality, remains a psychically organising principle, even when the body is effectively disintermediated in cyberspace.

10.45 – 11.15 Morning tea

11.15 – 12.45 Chair: Dr Peter Smith

DR HEATHER WOOD

THE UNCONSCIOUS ALLURE OF INTERNET SEX

The widespread use of internet pornography has led to concern about its impact on the sexual development of young people, and revived interest in sexuality in psychoanalytic practice. This new phenomenon is both very public and intensely private, relating to an individual’s sexual fantasy, and the use made of sexuality and sexualisation within the psyche. This paper will explore ways in which internet pornography can be used to enact internal dramas and meet unconscious needs, and the implications of this for psychoanalytic clinical practice and wider social policy.

12.45 – 14.00 Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSIONS

14.00 – 15.30 Chair: Dr Rob Gordon

DR HEATHER WOOD

**PAEDOPHILIA, OR PAEDOPHILIC BREAKDOWN?
 THE IMPETUS TO SEEK ILLEGAL IMAGES ONLINE**

People drawn to illegal images of children may never have had explicit sexual interest prior to accessing internet pornography. Both mainstream and psychoanalytic theories have tended to take the view that someone either does or does not have paedophilia. The behaviour we observe on the internet requires a reconsideration of existing notions of paedophilia, in order to explain how the use of internet sex might act as a catalyst, facilitating explicit paedophilic sexual interests. This paper will link recent findings from empirical research with case illustrations from psychoanalytic practice, to explore some of the processes in operation, and will consider the implications for penal policy.

15.30 – 15.50 Afternoon break

15.50 – 17.00 Chair: Dr John McClean

**OPEN FORUM:
 PSYCHOANALYSIS AND TECHNOLOGY**

“WHERE FROM. WHERE TO. ?”

17.00 – 18.00 Drinks & finger food

Readings Bookstall will be available at the Conference

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

DR ALESSANDRA LEMMA is Professor of Psychological



Therapies at the Tavistock & Portman NHS Foundation Trust and School of Health & Human Sciences, Essex University; a Fellow of the British Psychoanalytical Society; and Visiting Professor, Psychoanalysis Unit, UCL, where she is also Clinical Director of the Psychological Interventions Research Centre. She is Visiting Professor, Instituto Winnicott, Sapienza University of Rome and “Centro Winnicott”, Rome. Alessandra is the Editor of the *New Library of Psychoanalysis* book series (Routledge) and a Regional Editor for the *International Journal of Psychoanalysis*. She has published extensively on psychoanalysis, the body and trauma.

DR HEATHER WOOD is a psychoanalytic psychotherapist



and Consultant Adult Psychotherapist & Clinical Psychologist, the Portman Clinic, Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust. While working at the Clinic which provides state funded psychoanalytic psychotherapy to people with problems of criminality, violence, and compulsive sexual behaviours, she has developed a special interest in the problematic use of internet pornography and the related subject of paedophilia. Heather has published in *Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy* and *British Journal of Psychotherapy*, was co-editor of Bower, Hale and Wood (2013) *Addictive States of Mind*, and has contributed to a number of edited collections including Lemma and Caparotta (2014) *Psychoanalysis in the Technoculture Era*, and Lemma and Lynch (2015) *Sexualities*. She also works in private practice in London.