

## Psychoanalytic Seminars

**Oslo, Saturday 2 April 2022, and Trondheim, Saturday 11 June 2022**

### MORNING SESSION: *THINKING EXCESS*

**Session One:** Paper: *'On Being Able to Dream: Reflections on the Relation of Body and Mind'*

**Session Two:** *Excess, Trauma and Representation*

In this session I will describe and explain the value placed on the drives and the economics, a model of excess in current clinical use within the Contemporary Freudian tradition in the UK. This will include recent work by Professor Rosine Jozef Perelberg, and influences that are drawn from mainstream French psychoanalysis, including that of André Green. It will bring together the notion of the traumatic in relation to somatic presentations in the psychoanalytic consulting room.

### AFTERNOON SESSION: *LEARNING FROM PATIENTS WITH SOMATIC PRESENTATIONS*

**Session Three:** *The Wolf Man's Irritable Bowel*

In this session I will explore some clinical situations that underline the first ego as a bodily ego. I will refer to an interesting finding, which is the relative fluidity of the psychosomatic economy seen in some patients with Irritable Bowel Syndrome and other somatic disorders. We will consider the difference between somatic presentations that are more represented in the mind, such as in conversion hysteria, as opposed to those that signal failure of representation.

**Session Four:** *Clinical Seminar*

This session will be an opportunity for a Norwegian colleague to bring some clinical material to the group. The discussion will enable the group to think about some of the ideas presented during the day in relation to clinical work-in-progress.

### **Preparatory reading (optional)**

Perelberg, R.J. (2015) On Excess, Trauma and Helplessness: Repetitions and Transformations. *International Journal of Psychoanalysis*, 96, 6: 1453-1476.

Aisenstein, M. (2006) The Indissociable Unity of Psyche and Soma. *International Journal of Psychoanalysis*, 87, 3: 667-6