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SEMINAR: A Morning with Dr Judy Eekhoff (USA)

Saturday 19th March 2022

9.30 am to 12:00 pm (AEST) via Zoom



The QPPA warmly invites therapists in Australia and New Zealand to participate in a presentation and clinical discussion with Dr Judy Eekhoff, PhD, FIPA, an IPA-certified training and supervising psychoanalyst based in Seattle, Washington USA. She is the author of *Trauma and Primitive Mental States: An Object Relations Perspective*, and more recently *Bion and Primitive Mental States Trauma and the Symbiotic Link*.

Awareness of more patients presenting with trauma in early life has led to the development of mental models to make sense of their clinical presentations. In Dr Judy Eekhoff's first book ***Trauma and Primitive Mental States: An Object Relations Perspective*** (2019), she described patients similar to the ones we all struggle with. She writes about a group of patients whose main way of being in the world is through mimicry which is expressed via adhesive identification. The usual process of taking in experiences and making meaning of them is under-developed as the patients' psychic states are not so much three-dimensional as two-dimensional. Dr Eekhoff draws on the work of Ferenczi, Klein and Bion and interweaves it with clinical material in an imaginative and creative way making it possible to both understand and find a way to help these patients.

Dr Annie Reiner, training and supervising analyst of the Psychoanalytic Center for Psychoanalysis and author of "Bion and Being", comments on Dr Eekhoff's most recent book – ***Bion and Primitive Mental States: Trauma and the Symbiotic Link*** (Dec 2021).

Dr Judy Eekhoff shares her experience of having studied Bion's work for forty years. She describes never tiring of re-reading Bion's writing, a telling fact that reveals how much Bion leaves for readers to bring their own imaginations, understanding, and questions to his ideas. I think it is difficult, without this kind of curiosity about truth that Eekhoff embodies, to get an idea of Bion's challenging perspective on the mind.

Dr Eekhoff's approach helps in understanding how Bion's advances in psychoanalysis continue to pose new challenges for psychoanalysis, requiring new ways of approaching clinical work. These are important ideas how to find a language able to reach the primitive levels of the mind that Bion addressed. By examining Ferenczi's ideas about early trauma in relation to Bion's ideas, Dr Eekhoff reminds us of this notable and original thinker who is sometimes overlooked in psychoanalysis. This interesting and important book challenges us all to look more deeply into Bion, and also into our own work.

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Please note the seminar will be via Zoom and a recording will be made available to all registered participants for a one-month period following the event.

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