VPSG ISC Scientific Meeting

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Dr. Louis Brunet

Psychoanalysis and Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy: Continuum or Rupture?

Chair: Mina Levinsky-Wohl

Zoom Host: Johanna Boyce

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Dear All,

We are honored to have Dr. Louis Brunet present to VPSG members on how psychoanalysis is to be distinguished from psychotherapy. This topic has historically presented convergences and divergences among analyst from diverse psychoanalytic traditions.

This paper was first published in French.

We believe that his paper will spark an important discussion as we continue to grow towards becoming an Institute. We suggest that you read the attached paper to participate in a lively discussion.

Biography

Louis Brunet, Ph.D. is a Training and Supervising Analyst at the Canadian Psychoanalytic Society QE. Professor, Psychology department, Université du Québec à Montréal. Ex-president Canadian Psychoanalytic Society. Editor of the Canadian Journal of Psychoanalysis and Board Member of the International Psychoanalytic Association.

Dr. Brunet has published more than 160 publications and 7 books.

His academic work focuses mainly on individual violence, group violence, terrorism and radicalization since 1996, from a psychoanalytic perspective.

“My personal work as a psychoanalyst led me to a series of theoretical reflections on which I published papers and gave lectures in Canada, Europe and United States. At the very beginning of my career, as I worked with delinquents and then with young psychotics, I was very interested in the Kleinian works that allowed me to better understand and perform psychotherapies with these people. Then I became more and more interested in the implications of the Freudian turn of 1920, first around the question of the death drive but especially on the implications of a "new unconscious" whose content would not be made of " repressed representations "and consequently I became more and more interested in the problems of early, archaic suffering, for which symbolization, representation, subjective appropriation are lacking. My first paper specifically on these questions is my 2005 text (The manifestations of the archaic and the functions of the analyst (in French)) where I not only wonder about these archaic, non-neurotic organizations but where I started to work the "functions" of the analyst and a revision of the notions of interpretation and transference.”

Looking forward to seeing you all,

Mina Levinsky-Wohl

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