

TURNING A BLIND EYE TO REALITY: AGEING OF THE ANALYST CAN OFFER CHANCES AND CATASTROPHIC CONSEQUENCES

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PERSPECTIVES ON AGEING Chair: Gabriele Junkers (Germany)

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Becoming old is a young phenomenon in the history of mankind. The majority of people living today will live longer than ever before and have fewer children than ever before. In about 20 years, half the population of European countries will be over 50. A prolonged period life span has come into existence in which new emphasis must be placed on the quality of somatic and psychic integrity. The panel will present and discuss the implications of these drastic changes for psychoanalysis, for the psychoanalytic community and for the transmission of psychoanalysis to the next generation.

Chaired by Maria Teresa Hooke (Australia) and Claudio Eizirik (Brazil)

Presenters:

Maria Teresa Savio Hooke (Australia) Leena Klockars (Finland)

MAP OF AGEING - FACTS AND ILLUSIONS

Have we got an ageing problem in psychoanalytic societies? Has the age distribution of analysts and candidates changed in the last 10 years? We present the result of a study on ageing within the European Societies.

Chair: Claudio Eizirik (Brazil)

Gabriele Junkers (Germany): THE EMPTY COUCH – HOW TO SAY GOOD BYE TO THE WORK

AS ANALYST (read by Martin Teising Germany). Growing older implies dealing with narcissistic blows and losses. As analysts, we are also faced with the loss of narcissistic highly invested roles. This paper explores the 'work of the ageing process' necessary to face this stage of life and the dangers for analysts, patients and psychoanalytic institutions if the reality of ageing is denied.

Chair: Maria Teresa Hooke (Australia)

Luisa Marino (Italy): WHAT CANDIDATES SAY ABOUT AGEING

This paper presents the result of a study on the ageing of candidates in Europe, North America and Latin America. Why candidates now apply for training later? What are the social, economic and emotional factors which determine such choice? What part plays the diminished status of psychoanalysis?

Chair: Adela Escardó' (Peru)

The IPA Committee on Psychoanalytic Perspectives on Ageing was established in 2008 in order to explore the implications that the ageing of analysts, training analysts, patients and candidates will have on psychoanalytic societies and on the transmission of psychoanalysis to the next generations.

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