

BESIDES HUMAN BEINGS: ANIMALS, THINGS, SPACE, TIME, AND GOD!

08.30

Registration

09.00 – 10.30 animals session I

The essential kinship between children and animals as well as its civilization-induced rupture will be the focus of this talk. The development-facilitating role of animals and its cultural variations will be highlighted. Involvement of actual or imaginary animals in psychopathology and its treatment will be discussed.

10.30 – 11.00

Morning tea

11.00 – 12.30 things session II

This talk will address the impact of the geophysical surround, including the various inanimate objects that populate it e.g. topography, climate, and density of population, plus spatial preferences and the degree and depth of relationship with 'things'. Issues involving immigration and exile will also be brought in. A deep regard for the role played by the inanimate world in clinical work will be highlighted. The potential for non-human experiences within the transference-counter-transference axis will also be discussed.

12.30 – 14.00

Lunch

14.00 – 15.15 time session III

The importance of time in life will be highlighted by addressing the issues of generational difference (and the associated matter of incest barrier), unfolding developmental epochs, aging, and human mortality. The impact of passing time on healthy and pathological narcissism will also be elucidated and so will be the cultural variations in the experience of time. Technical relevance of these ideas will also be discussed.

15.15 – 15.30

Afternoon tea

15.30 – 16.45 god session IV

The topics addressed here will include the human need for belief in God, the origins of this need, the triad of emotions (awe, humility, and gratitude) associated with 'genuine' religiosity, benevolent as well as the sadomasochistic uses of religious belief, and the place of so-called spirituality in daily life as well as in the clinical situation

17.00 – 18.00

Nibbles and drinks

Readings Bookstore will be at the Conference