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22 May – 24 May 2025

Justice Health Administration Centre
Sydney, Australia

LOCATING THE DISTURBANCE IN VIOLENT OFFENDING: SELF, SYSTEM, SOCIETY?

THURSDAY 22nd MAY 2025

***live stream and recorded**

8.15 - 8.45	Registration & Coffee	
8.45 - 9.00	Acknowledgement of Country & Introduction	
9.00 - 10.00	PLENARY 1	Introduction to Personality Disorder and Offending* <i>Dr Sarah Stevenson - Project Air</i>
10.00 - 11.00	PLENARY 2	Attachment, Personality Disorder, and Offending* <i>Professor Gwen Adshead</i>
11.00 - 11.30	Coffee break	
11.30 - 12.30	PLENARY 3	Trauma and Offending: Re-enactments within Staff Teams* <i>Dr Anne Aiyegbusi</i>
12.30 - 1.00	PANEL DISCUSSION	<i>Dr Sarah Stevenson, Professor Gwen Adshead and Dr Anne Aiyegbusi</i> Chair: <i>Dr Daniel Riordan</i>
1.00 - 2.00	Lunch	
2.00 - 5.30	Cultural event/tour	
5.30 - 8.30	Welcome evening Opera Bar, Sydney	

FRIDAY 23rd MAY 2025

8.15 - 8.45	Registration & Coffee	
8.45 - 9.00	Welcome & Introduction	
9.00 - 10.00	PLENARY 4	Personality Pathology and Sentencing: An evolving area* <i>A/Prof Andy Carroll</i>
10.00 - 11.00	PLENARY 5	Mentalizing and Distrust - avoiding the noise and facilitating relational and social change in violent antisocial offenders* <i>Professor Anthony Bateman</i>
11.00 - 11.30	Coffee Break	
11.30 - 12.30	PLENARY 6	Psychotherapy with Personality Disturbances - what are some gender-based factors in working with men, and how might these influence the clinical approach?* <i>Professor Brin Grenyer</i>
12.30 - 1.30	Lunch Break	
1.30 - 3.00	PARALLEL GROUP 1	
	Parallel A	Violence: Where does the blame lie and what can be done? <i>Trystan Ayla & Susan Parke</i> Community Psychoanalysis in a Landscape of Trauma in Central Australia <i>Pamela Nathan</i>
	Parallel B	Decolonising Forensic Psychotherapy: Racial trauma, the primal scene, and delinquency in black male adolescents <i>Dr Stuart Stevenson</i> Care to Custody Pipeline: Using the Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics (NMT) framework to understand developmental trauma and identity development <i>Dr Amy Crowe</i>
	Parallel C	Assessing Levels of Personality Functioning for Antisociality: Intersections with antisocial and schema therapy constructs <i>Dr Nathan Akoka</i> Sentenced to Therapy: Mental Health Treatment Requirements (MHTRs) for women on probation in England and Wales <i>Dr Panos Vythouloukas</i>
	Parallel D	The Phenomenology of Violence <i>Dr Patricia Morgan</i> Clinician Conceptualisation and Countertransference Reactions Towards Grandiose and Vulnerable Narcissism <i>Dr Nick Day & Georgia Denmeade</i>
3.00 - 3.20	Coffee Break	
3.20 - 4.20	PLENARY 7	Lessons Learnt from the Offender Personality Disorder Pathway* <i>Dr Colin Campbell</i>
4.30 - 5.30	Large Group - facilitated by Dr Daniel Riordan	
5.30	End of the day - travel to gala dinner venue (taxi/coach)	
6.30	Reception and Gala Dinner, Bondi Trattoria, Sydney	

SATURDAY 24th MAY 2025

8.15 - 8.45	Registration & Coffee	
8.45 - 9.00	Welcome & Introduction	
9.00 - 10.00	PLENARY 8	Developments in Contemporary Psychoanalytic Understandings of Violent Offending: New frontiers in locating disturbance in the self* <i>A/Prof Tim Keogh</i>
10.00 - 11.00	PLENARY 9	The Ailment and the Alienated Patient: Countertransference in work with people with complex needs* <i>Professor Gwen Adshead</i>
11.00 - 11.30	Coffee Break	
11.30 - 12.30	PLENARY 10	Location of Disturbance and the Lethal Intersections of Race, Gender, Mental Health and Criminal Justice Systems* <i>Dr Anne Aiyegbusi</i>
12.30 - 1.30	Lunch Break and IAFP Annual General Meeting	
1.30 - 3.00	PARALLEL GROUP 2	
	Parallel A	Personality Disorder Severity in Pathological Narcissism: Associations with coercive control and intimate partner violence <i>Dr Nick Day</i> The Adolescent, the Offender <i>Peter Wilson/John Kearney</i>
	Parallel B	It's Not all Black and White <i>Dr Robyn Shields</i> Art therapy builds the body ego to contain the destructive forces of the Id <i>Margaret Bourne</i> Violence Towards the Self and Others in Cotard Syndrome: Locating the cause of delusional belief <i>Dr Michael Connors</i>
	Parallel C	The Disturbance Within: A reflection on the challenges for staff who work in Forensic Mental Health <i>Dr Meera Aurora</i> Building Psychological Immunity: Group Reflective Practice with Staff in a High-Secure Forensic Hospital <i>David Muir</i>
	Parallel D	Exploring a New Response to the Systems of Incarceration that Perpetuate Violence using Sociodramatic Enquiry <i>Nikki McCoy & Hala Abdelnour</i> Trauma Therapy in Custody-Radical Exposure Tapping <i>Dr Andrew Watt</i>
3.00 - 3.20	Coffee Break	
3.20 - 4.20	PLENARY 11	Misogynart: Challenging perceptions of women, violence, art and identity* <i>Dr Jessica Collier</i>
4.30 - 5.30	Large Group - facilitated by <i>Dr Daniel Riordan</i>	
5.30 - 6.00	Prize-giving and close of conference	