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Understanding the Psychodynamics of Perversion

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08.30 am  Registration
Tasman Light Gallery

09.15 am  Welcome
Dr Paul Foulkes
President
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09.30 am  Internal and External Coercion in Female Perversion
Presenter: Dr Estela Welldon

"In Perversion the action is in the body and what is missing is the thought as a linking process."
In this paper Dr Welldon presents her work with a delinquent woman in her thirties to illustrate her central ideas and clinical thinking around the problem of female perversion, whose dynamics she views as fundamentally different to its male equivalent.

11.00 am  Morning Tea

11.30 am  Perversion and Malignant Narcissism in Sexual Offenders: Implications for Treatment
Presenter: Dr Timothy Keogh

Psychoanalysts and psychoanalytic psychotherapists have come to understand that sex offending arises from a failure to internalise a capacity to form a mature sexual and loving relationship, which instead becomes replaced by sexualised or violently sexualised modes of relating. In working with sex offenders, one comes to see how intricately linked such offending is to maintaining (albeit precariously and or desperately) the offender's sense of self. The therapist also comes to appreciate the relevance and nature of the offender's link with his victim, which is connected to his level of malignant narcissism and the nature of his perverse phantasies. The presentation will refer to clinical examples to illustrate the utility of these constructs in understanding and treating the sex offender.

12.45 pm  Lunch

01.45 pm  Bodies across Generations and Cycles of Abuse
Presenter: Dr Estela Welldon

"What is the object of a repetition compulsion to have more and more babies for some emotionally severely damaged girls? Perhaps to create an illusion linked to the pleasure principle which then becomes in itself a self-destructive quest."
In this paper, Dr. Welldon gives a conceptual overview and clinical illustration of the intergenerational effects of abuse on the maternal mind and body: processes of identification with the aggressor can be acted out in a perversion of the mind-body relationship.

03.30pm  Afternoon Tea

03.45pm  Panel Discussion
Dr Estela Welldon, Dr Timothy Keogh & Ms Pamela Nathan

05.00 pm  Close

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