

## Psychoanalysis: The Unconscious in Everyday Life

The Institute of Psychoanalysis in the UK has launched a series of special events to complement a groundbreaking exhibition about psychoanalysis at the Science Museum in London. The exhibition, entitled **Psychoanalysis: the Unconscious in Everyday Life**, is supported by the Institute and runs from 13 October 2010 until April 2011.

The exhibition celebrates psychoanalysis not only as a treatment but also as an enduring body of knowledge which enhances our understanding of culture and society. Through a range of modern and historical objects, digital animation, audio interpretation and works by leading artists such as Grayson Perry and Noble & Webster, the exhibits will focus on a key concept of psychoanalysis - how the unconscious is manifest in everyday experiences.

Consisting of four main sections – Freud, Play, the Uncanny and Object Relations, the exhibition will feature artefacts from collections at the Science Museum, Wellcome Library, and Freud Museum. Objects will include a cabinet belonging to Sigmund Freud containing ancient statuettes from Greece, an Egyptian death mask and children's drawings from the Melanie Klein Archive which will be on display for the first time. The small object archive of the Science Museum will contribute a selected collection of votives to the exhibition. Audio interpretations of some of the exhibits will feature leading psychoanalysts including David Bell, Betty Joseph, Nicola Abel Hirsch, Don Campbell, Mary Target and Peter Fonagy.

This lively and engaging series of events, aimed both at those with a psychoanalytic background and the wider public, will explore the links between psychoanalysis and science as well as more general topics including identity formation, dreams, humour and climate change. For full details and online booking visit [www.beyondthecouch.org.uk](http://www.beyondthecouch.org.uk), a new dedicated website the Institute has set up around the exhibition and events.

15 October 2010

### **Between Brain and Mind?**

**Time:** 6.00pm, followed by drinks reception at 8.00pm

**Venue:** Royal Geographical Society, London

**Tickets:** £15/£12 including wine, book at [www.beyondthecouch.org.uk](http://www.beyondthecouch.org.uk)

Dr Ronald Britton examines the position of psychoanalysis on a conceptual axis which puts physical and mental at opposite ends of a continuum - one which as yet does not meet in the middle. Currently the neurosciences are approaching from one end of this continuum and the mental sciences from the other. In discussion with Professor Peter Hobson, Dr Britton will explore the idea that psychoanalysis operates in the uncharted middle ground, studying mental life in much the same way as Darwin studied natural history before it was able to join up with the new science of the biology laboratory.

16-17 October 2010

### **Conference: Engaging with Climate Change: Psychoanalytic Perspectives**

**Time:** Saturday 9am-6pm, Sunday 9am-5pm

**Venue:** The Institute of Psychoanalysis, London

**Tickets:** £60 (includes lunch both days), book at [www.beyondthecouch.org.uk](http://www.beyondthecouch.org.uk)

How does our knowledge of climate change affect our sense of identity? What might underlie issues of connection with, and disconnection from, the natural world? How do we understand the denial of climate change?

Speakers from the field of psychoanalysis explore these and other questions with scientists, environmentalists, writers, educationalists and policy makers. The conference aims to achieve a better understanding through interdisciplinary exchange.

17 November 2010

### **Bringing the team together**

**Time:** 7.00-9.00pm

**Venue:** The Science Museum's Dana Centre, London

**Tickets:** Free, pre-booking required, book via [www.beyondthecouch.org.uk](http://www.beyondthecouch.org.uk)

How can we understand the behaviour and dynamics of sports teams? How do team captains encourage cohesion in their team members?

Drawing on their own experience in international cricket and football, Michael Brearley and Leon Kleimberg will lead this interactive event. Using video footage, they will encourage the audience to consider new ways of thinking about how teams operate and how to lead them.

19 November 2010

### **The Experience of Psychoanalysis**

**Time:** 6.00pm to 7.30pm, drinks 7.30 to 8.00pm

**Venue:** Lauderdale House, London

**Tickets:** £10 including glass of wine, book at [www.beyondthecouch.org.uk](http://www.beyondthecouch.org.uk)

What is it like to be on the psychoanalyst's couch or behind it? A panel of practising psychoanalysts at different stages of their career talk about the process of analysis from the perspective of the practitioner and the person being analysed. There will also be the opportunity for members of the audience to ask questions and participate in the discussion. With Dr Robin Anderson, Angela Joyce, Dr Joshua Cohen, and Elizabeth Wolf chairing,

24 November 2010

### **The Cambridge Scientists and Psychoanalysis in the 1920s**

**Time:** 8.00-10.15pm

**Venue:** The Institute of Psychoanalysis, London

**Tickets:** £10/£8, free to members of The Institute of Psychoanalysis, book at [www.beyondthecouch.org.uk](http://www.beyondthecouch.org.uk)

Scientific Cambridge proved to be a surprisingly receptive environment for the reception of Freudian ideas in the 1920s. Botany students received an education in psychoanalysis from Arthur Tansley, founder of ecology, from the 1910s onwards. John Forrester, Professor of History and Philosophy of the Sciences in the University of Cambridge, explores the sources and implications of this eager receptivity.

16 January 2011

### **Developing Identity**

**Time:** 4.00-9.00pm

**Venue:** Science Museum's Dana Centre, London

**Tickets:** £10, book at [www.beyondthecouch.org.uk](http://www.beyondthecouch.org.uk)

Who and what made you who you are? Early experiences, traumas and culture are among the many factors influencing the sense of self. In the event the growth of identity the life stages will be explored throughout through films and discussion. With Dr Elizabeth Bradley, Dr Robin Anderson and David Morgan.

4 February 2011

**Thinking About Time and Ageing**

**Time:** drinks reception 8.00pm, discussion from 8.30pm

**Venue:** The Institute of Psychoanalysis, London

**Tickets:** £15/£12 book at [www.beyondthecouch.org.uk](http://www.beyondthecouch.org.uk)

People react very differently to the process of ageing. Some shy away from old age for as long as they can, while others embrace it as a new adventure. Anne-Marie Sandler chairs a discussion with colleagues Danielle Quinodoz, author of *Growing Old, a Journey of Self Discovery* (Routledge, 2010), and Dr David Bell on ageing issues and how psychoanalytic concepts can help us to understand anxieties about death, the phases of life and the loss of illusions.

23 February 2011

**Can Psychoanalysis be a Science?**

**Time:** 8.00pm

**Venue:** The Institute of Psychoanalysis

**Tickets:** £10/£8, free to members of The Institute of Psychoanalysis, book at [www.beyondthecouch.org.uk](http://www.beyondthecouch.org.uk)

How far, and in what ways, should psychoanalysis be considered a scientific practice? Professor Mary Target, Professor James Hopkins and Dr Michael Lacewing will explore the contested relationship between psychoanalysis and the sciences, with an opportunity for the audience to get involved in the debate.

9 March 2011

**The Horror in Dreams**

**Time:** 7.00-9.00pm

**Venue:** Science Museum's Dana Centre, London

**Tickets:** Free, pre-booking required, book via [www.beyondthecouch.org.uk](http://www.beyondthecouch.org.uk)

What do dreams mean? Can they predict our futures, or are they a way of remembering our past? Dr Rosine Perelberg and Donald Campbell discuss the way dreams and nightmares depict people's anxieties.

15 March 2011 – to be confirmed

**Wild Big Cats**

**Venue:** Science Museum's Dana Centre, London (to be confirmed)

Further details to be confirmed – see [www.beyondthecouch.org.uk](http://www.beyondthecouch.org.uk)

Sally Weintrobe in a discussion with award winning wildlife filmmakers Amanda Barrett and Owen Newman on how losing our wild big cats could affect us all. With clips from their BBC programme on desert lions.

19 March 2011

**The Murder of Sanity and the Sanity of Murder: The Art and Science of Psychoanalysis**

**Time:** 9.00am-5.00pm

**Venue:** The Royal Geographical Society, London

**Tickets:** £65/£40, book at [www.beyondthecouch.org.uk](http://www.beyondthecouch.org.uk)

How can psychoanalysis help us to understand why events that seem incomprehensible have occurred? With the aid of clinical observation, literature and art, this event will cover issues to do with sexual addiction, revenge, victimhood, murder, psychopathy and our blindspots in thinking about these issues. A full day symposium, on subjects from Hamlet and Don Giovanni to psychopathy and psychosis, with presentations by Dr David Bell, Dr Philip Lucas, Richard Rusbridger and Dr Rob Hale.

Date to be confirmed

**Humour in Psychoanalysis: Film screening and discussion of *Inconscientes (Unconscious)***

**Venue:** ICA, London

**Tickets:** £22

More details to be confirmed – see [www.beyondthecouch.org.uk](http://www.beyondthecouch.org.uk)

A delightful period comedy set in the supposedly austere psychiatric society of 1913 Barcelona. Its acclaimed Spanish director, Joaquín Oristrell, will be in conversation about his film with psychoanalyst Andrea Sabbadini.

Date to be confirmed

**Civilization and its Discontents**

**Venue:** Royal Geographical Society, London

Further details to be announced in the autumn – see [www.beyondthecouch.org.uk](http://www.beyondthecouch.org.uk)

Freud's *Civilization and its Discontent* is a fundamental stock-taking of the human condition which addresses the inevitability of human unhappiness and the sources of aggression. Dr David Bell will discuss the internal and external sources of paranoia, with reference to the 'war on terror' and attitudes to immigration and the consequences of the penetration of the market into all areas of modern life.