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Between Molecules and Mind: Clinical Lessons Learned and Future Directions in Neuropsychoanalysis

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Precongreso

Jueves 25 de junio

09:00-09:55	Registro y café
09:55-10:00	Bienvenida
10:00-11:00	Oliver Turnbull: <i>Neuropsychology for psychotherapists</i>
11:00-11:15	Coloquio
11:15-11:45	Pausa café
11:45-12:45	Daniela Flores Mosri: <i>Rethinking psychoanalytic diagnosis: Contributions from neuropsychanalysis</i>
12:45-13:00	Coloquio
13:00-14:00	Comida
14:00-15:00	Maggie Zellner: An experience near introduction to the free energy principle, prediction error, and precision
15:00-15:15	Coloquio

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15:15-16:00 Registro y café

16:00-16:30 **Bienvenida**

16:30-17:30 **Douglas Watt:**
Did psychiatry lose its mind (soul?) by abandoning social and affect-centric perspectives? Antidotes to big pharma cooption, myopic reductionism and obfuscation

17:30-18:00 Coloquio

18:00 Conclusiones y clausura

Viernes 26 de junio

08:30-09:15 **Joanna Moncrieff:**
The serotonin myth: Challenging the disease paradigm and restoring meaning

09:15-09:30 Coloquio

09:30-10:15 **David Tuckett:**
How might psychoanalysis "work"?

10:15-10:30 Coloquio

10:30-11:00 Pausa café y presentación pósteres

11:00-12:40 **Sesiones paralelas:**

Auditorio principal | Sesión paralela 1

Oliver Turnbull

Feeding, pleasure and the brain stem: The remarkable case of the mesencephalic trigeminal nucleus

Samantha Brooks

Crossing borders: how inflammatory molecules are the unconscious signals that lead to conscious threat perceptions and anxiety in anorexia nervosa

Alexey Tolchinsky

Temporal depth in a coherent self and in depersonalization

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Anna-Luisa Sahlfeld

Narcissistic Soothing in the Digital Age: A Neuropsychanalytic Perspective on Smartphone Use and Mental Health in Children and Adolescents

Sala 2 | Sesión paralela 2

Veerle van Geenhoven

Oxytocin, thermogenesis, and the lifelong need for socio-emotional warmth: Why earliest peer relationships are integral to neuropsychanalytic theory

Ana Delgadillo Hernández

Neurochemical hypotheses on the aetiology of prolonged sleep latency in insomnia

Arif de Mendelssohn

Cathexis and Catharsis: A Neuropsychanalytic Theory of the Serotonergic 'Precision Switch' and the Dual-System Dopamine Drive

Mitchell Slutzky

Introducing Metastrophe Theory: POMC as Master Molecule of Affect Regulation, Stability and Change

Sala 3 | Sesión paralela 3

Andrea C. Valente

Consilience on the Couch: Neuropsychanalysis, Affect Labelling and Clinical Communication

Jane Abrams

A Life Interrupted

Caitlin Ware

Affective Reserve in Bilingualism: A Neuropsychanalytic Approach

Kobi Tiberg

A Functional Bridge Between Brain and Mind: Prediction and Adaptation Across Trauma, Language, and Humor

Sala 4 | Sesión paralela 4

Human-Friedrich Unterrainer (moderador), Ken Davis, Afrodita Latifi, Jürgen Fuchshuber
Recent Developments in the Psychometric and Neuropsychodynamic Study of Primary Affects

12:40-13:40

Comida y presentación de pósteres

13:40-15:20

Sesiones paralelas:

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Auditorio principal | Sesión paralela 5 - Simposio

Mark Dangerfield (moderador), Fernando Rodríguez, María Jesús Rufat y Pedro Sanz
Bridging Mind and Brain in the Treatment of Borderline Personality Disorder: Clinical Perspectives from Contemporary Psychodynamic Models

Sala 2 | Sesión paralela 6

Lisandro Vales

Affective Neuroscience and Basic Assumptions: Toward a New Understanding of Group Functioning

Gabriel Enache

A case of a 'mystical delirium': the vicissitudes of DSM diagnosis

Andrea Scalabrini

From Self Development to Dissociation: Reorganizing the Psychological Baseline Between Psyche and Brain

Rosario García Cordovilla

Reduction of Free Energy: Convergences between Freud and Friston

Sala 3 | Sesión paralela 7

Joshua Kellman

The Relationship Between Subcortical Neural Pathways and Play as a Form of Subcortical Learning

Eike Hinze

Could psychoanalysis and neuroscience ever love each other?

Alessandro Weiss

From Cortex to Depth: Neurosurgical Gateways to a Neuropsychanalytic Model of the Mind

Danièle Lapointe

Study of resilience in cases of incest, father-daughter, step-father and step-daughter in the pre-puberty and puberty period among adult women and mothers: how to overcome the traumatizations of an incestuous relationship?

Sala 4 | Sesión paralela 8 - Simposio

Susan Mizen (moderadora), Laura Wade-Bohleber, Sarah Buser Ladina, Henriette Loeffler-Stastka

Meeting the challenge of linking implicit individual meaning with empirical methods and measured brain responses.

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15:20-15:50 Pausa café y presentación pósteres

15:50-17:30 **Sesiones paralelas:**

Auditorio principal | **Sesión paralela 9**

Michael Michael

Bridging the Gap Between Molecules and Mind in Emotion: A Philosophical

Daniela Flores Mosri

The molecular affinity hypothesis of addiction: An affective basis of drug use

Timotej Glavac

Examining the effects of serotonin, endogenous opioid and brain derived neurotrophic factors genes and early adverse experiences on the expression of separation-distress in female emerging adults: A gene-environment interaction study

Michelle van den Engh

Mind the Gap: Neuropsychanalytic explorations of the effects of separation in infancy and its implications for the psychotherapeutic dyad in adulthood

Sala 2 | **Sesión paralela 10**

John Dall'Aglio

Quantifying Primary Process in Neurologic Patient Narratives: A Method for Research and Psychodiagnosis

Ariane Bazan

Developmental Changes in Freudian Primary and Secondary Process Mentation: Evidence from the GeoCat

Henriette Loeffler-Stastka

Affective NeuroPsychoanalysis paving the way to transdiagnostic and disorder specific understanding for precise personalized interventions

Alicia Golijov

What Hurts When My Head Aches? Migraine, Microtrauma, and Pain: A Neuropsychanalytic Model Between Neuroscience and Subjectivity

Sala 3 | **Sesión paralela 11**

Pól Ó Mórdha (moderador), Dimitra Christaki, Laura Garbataviit, Curtis Holt Robinson

Containing Complexity: Safety and Symbolisation Between Molecules and Mind

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Sala 4 | Sesión paralela 12

Orlando UCcellini (moderador), Sara Uccella, Marcella Sacchetti, Maria Ghazanfar, Claudia Spadazzi

Between Molecules and Mind: A Neuropsychanalytic Approach to Perinatal Development and Psychopathology

17:45-19:00 Debate tipo Oxford

Cena (opcional)

Sabado 27 de junio

08:30-09:15 **Norka Malberg:**
Who gets to know? Autism, mentalization, and the politics of understanding

09:15-09:30 Coloquio

09:30-10:15 **Karl Friston via live video:**
From synapse to sentience

10:15-10:30 Coloquio

10:30-11:00 Pausa café y presentación pósteres

11:00-12:40 **Sesiones paralelas:**

Auditorio principal | Sesión paralela 13 - Simposio

Andrea Clarici (moderadora), Nikita Chernyk, Gyuri Fodor, Henriette Loeffler-Stastka, Arif de Mendelssohn, Tennyson Lee, Susan Mizen, Michelle van den Engh, Steven Yeates

Neuropsychanalysis and Psychiatry: Toward a Common Language and Taxonomy

Sala 2 | Sesión paralela 14 - Simposio

Emilia Gyr (moderadora), Rebeca Robertson, Lisandro Vales

Micro and Macro Processes of Psychic Change in Psychotherapy: A Neuropsychanalytic Perspective

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Habitación 3 | Sesión paralela 15

Nathan Szajnberg

A Neuropsychanalytic Perspective on Dissociative Retrograde Amnesia, Anhedonia, and Traumatic Reenactment Following Penetrating Brain Injury in a Combatant

Iftah Biran

A Double-Edged Sword: Reactivation of Childhood Trauma Following Right Hemisphere Injury

Brunella Bartalini

Psychodynamic Neuropsychotherapy of Cognitive-Affective Dysmetria After Traumatic Brain Injury: Insights into Neural Plasticity

Suad Hassan Hashim

A Case of Multiple Sclerosis in Psychotherapy: Classical and Neuropsychanalytic Perspectives

12:40-14:15

*Comida, presentaciones de pósteres y **asamblea general de la International NPSA Society***

14:15-15:00

Cristina Alberini:

From molecules to mind: How basic neuroscience informs psychoanalysis and psychiatry

15:00-15:15

Coloquio

15:15-16:00

Nikolai Axmacher:

Home and trauma in autobiographical memory

16:00-16:15

Coloquio

16:15-16:45

Pausa café

16:45-17:05

Entrega del Premio al mejor póster y ceremonia del Sloan-Menninger-Shevrin Award

17:05-17:45

Mark Solms: Clausura

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