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**Bridging Silos in Field Theory:
psychoanalytic, group analytic, group relations and
social dreaming matrices approaches**

Conference Città Sant'Angelo (Pe) - Italy, Teatro Comunale / 28th - 30th of June 2024

Field theory was transposed to psychology by Gestalt theorists in the 1920s and the 1930s, and then developed as a social field theory by Kurt Lewin. The combination of both as well as the influence of Merleau-Ponty's phenomenology in Latin America, rests in the roots of the therapeutic communities, psychoanalytic, group analytic and group relations developments in field theory. The interbreeding of these contributions influenced the psychoanalytical, group analytical and group relations theories developed by Rickman, Bion, Foulkes, Sullivan, Pichon-Rivière, Willy and Madeleine Baranger and Bleger as well as contemporary approaches to field theory conceived in Italy, England and in the United States.

The way the cross-fertilization of the idea of field influenced, shaped and reshaped the theoretical, technical and clinical formulations in various social contexts ended up forging different approaches to field theory. Today, field theory is a growing paradigm within psychoanalysis, in contemporary group analytic, group relations and systems theory as well as in the work with social dreaming matrices. These various contributions sometimes overlap and coincide giving the idea that some of the new developments are "new bottles for old wine". However, we realize that the different approaches to field theories, inside and outside the consulting room, remain separated as silos, distributed by geographical distances and perhaps by the influence of the narcissism of minor differences in our professions.

This conference, organised by psychoanalysts, group analysts, group relations consultants and social dreaming professionals in Italy, is an opportunity to foster dialogue and build a bridge - through lectures, paper panels, supervisions, social dreaming matrices and a trilogy matrix event - different fields of field theory.

Chairs: Domenico Agresta, clinical and community psychologist, group analyst in Italy, founder member of the Social Dreaming International Network, Director of Training and Supervisor in IPAAE (Pescara) and SPC (Parma) and **Carla Penna**, PhD, psychoanalyst, group analyst in Brazil. Former president of the Brazilian Association of Group Psychotherapy and former Visiting Professor of Medical Psychology at the University State of Rio de Janeiro.

List of the Names of Presenters Staff invited

Carla Penna
Catherina Mela
David Armstrong
Domenico Agresta
Arturo Tenaglia
Earl Hopper
Enrico Perilli

Franca Fubini
Francesca Bascialla
Gabriele Cassullo
Giovanni Foresti
Ivan Urlic
Judit Szekacs-Weisz
Konstantinos Liolios

Marina Mojovic
Nikos Lamnidis
Raffaele Menarini
Richard Morgan-Jones
Robert Hinshelwood
Robert Snell
Thor Kristian Island

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Program outline

28th of June

- 8:00 / 9:00 - **Social Dreaming Matrix** - parallel sessions Domenico Agresta, Franca Fubini and Judith Szekacs-Weisz
- 9:00 / 9:15 - Break
- 9:15 / 9:45 - **Opening** - Mayor, President of the Order of Psychologists and Domenico Agresta
- 9:45 / 11:00 - **Opening Lecture** - Prof. Raffaele Menarini and Prof. Enrico Perilli
- 11:00 / 11:15 - Break
- 11:15 / 13:15 - **Panel - Roots of Field theory: therapeutic communities, psychoanalysis, group analysis and group relations**
Robert Hinshelwood, Earl Hopper, David Armstrong
- 13:15 / 15:00 - Lunch
- 15:00 / 16:30 - **Supervision groups** - individual, group and organizational cases (three different rooms with supervisors, field observers and discussion)
- 16:30 / 16:45 - Break
- 16:45 / 18:15 - **Trilogy Matrix Event** - Richard Morgan-Jones, Marina Mojovic and Franca Fubini

29th of June

- 8:00 / 9:00 - **Social Dreaming Matrix** - parallel sessions Domenico Agresta, Franca Fubini and Judith Szekacs-Weisz
- 9:00 / 9:15 - Break
- 9:15 / 10:30 - **Lecture** - Carla Penna
- 10:30 / 10:45 - Break
- 10:45 / 12:45 - **Panel - Field Theory Today:** Robert Snell, Gabriele Cassullo and Giovanni Foresti
- 12:45 / 15:00 - Lunch
- 15:00 / 16:30 - **Supervision groups** - individual, group and organizational cases (three different rooms with supervisors, field observers and discussion)
- 16:30 / 16:45 - Break
- 16:45 / 18:15 - **Trilogy Matrix Event** - Richard Morgan-Jones, Marina Mojovic and Franca Fubini

30th of June

- 8:00 / 9:00 - **Social Dreaming Matrix** - three different rooms
- 9:00 / 9:15 - Break
- 9:15 / 10:45 - **Panel - Matrix as Field Theory: through the semantic field of dreams, to a social theory through dreams** - Domenico Agresta, Franca Fubini and Judith Szekacs-Weisz
- 10:45 / 12:15 - **Discussion with all presenters and attendees** - "What is the new wine in these old bottles, or is it new bottles for old wine"
- 12:15 / 12:30 - **Closing**