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## **Neuroscience and Intersubjective Systems Theory: Exploring Mind, Brain and Body in Contemporary Psychoanalysis**

PRESENTED BY ELIZABETH POTTER, PH.D. AND ELLYN FREEDMAN, PSY.D.

DISCUSSANT: MAX HARRIS, PH.D.

WHEN:	<b>SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2010</b>
TIME:	<b>8:30AM to 12:30PM, BRUNCH INCLUDED</b>
WHERE:	IMPERIAL POINT MEDICAL CENTER FIRST FLOOR AUDITORIUM 6401 N. FEDERAL HIGHWAY FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33308

**PRESENTATION:** (*INSTRUCTIONAL LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE*) The findings in neuroscience and especially that of affective neuroscience have significantly influenced contemporary psychoanalysis both in its mission and therapeutic models. Moving from linear models of therapeutic ideals and concepts of development, affective neuroscience and the emerging discipline of social neuroscience have discovered inroads into the intersubjective nature of human attachment, identification of mirror neurons, the neurobiological impact of trauma and stress as well as joining with the discipline of epigenetics, the investigation of experiential influences on gene expression, to name a few. The simultaneous emergence of intersubjective systems theory within psychoanalysis has dovetailed with the growth of the neuroscientific body of knowledge; the result being an unprecedented opportunity to bridge disciplines in an effort to alleviate emotional suffering. An intersubjective systems model of psychoanalysis will be introduced in relation to concepts such as resonant coupling, framing, contextual emergence and perspective and transformative experience in general. This perspective will be compared with the traditional structure of psychoanalysis in terms of transference, counter-transference, reconstruction, resistance, insight and cure. The work of Panskepp, Schore, Gallese, Lyons-Ruth, Beebe, Stolorow, Stern, Coburn and Shane will be discussed. Case vignettes will be provided comparing approaches. Participant dialogue encouraged.

**PRESENTERS:** **Dr. Elizabeth Potter, Ph.D.**, earned her doctorate in neuroscience from Johns Hopkins Medical School. She has published over twenty five articles, some addressing the cultivation and transplantation of neural stem cells in search of a cure for Parkinson's disease in a rat model and interpreting brain magnetic resonance images to detect early signs of Alzheimer's disease at the Wein Center at Mt. Sinai Hospital, Miami Beach. She has a growing interest in the mind, brain and body continuum and contemporary models of psychoanalysis and enjoys interdisciplinary discourse.

**Dr. Ellyn Freedman, Psy.D., LCSW** is a certified psychoanalyst and has earned her doctorate at Institute of Contemporary Psychoanalysis, in 2009, after twenty five years of practicing psychoanalysis and psychoanalytic couple and family therapy. At ICP, Dr. Freedman began to explore the parallels between neuroscience and contemporary models of psychoanalysis culminating in her work "Body Dysmorphic Disorder and Contemporary Psychoanalysis: Mirrors of Cumulative Trauma". She has served as Instructor at The University of South Carolina Medical School and Clinical Assistant Professor at University of Miami School of Medicine as well as Training and Supervisory Analyst and Faculty at SEFAPP. She is presently practicing in New York City.

**DISCUSSANT: Max Harris, Ph.D.** is a Florida licensed psychologist with a private practice in Boca Raton, FL, that includes psychodynamic psychotherapy and psychological testing as well as work with the chronically mentally ill. He serves as an adjunct faculty in the clinical doctoral program and psychodynamic concentration at Nova Southeastern University. He is a co-author of seven peer-reviewed published articles in the area of psychodynamic psychology. He has served as SEFAPP President, Board Member, Section IV Representative for Division 39 (Psychoanalysis) APA, a former editor of *Psyche & Sol*, Member of the Steering Committee for Division 39 Spring 2004 Meeting, candidate at SEFAPP, and is a current member of the Board and Curriculum Committee of SEFAPP. He is currently completing his psychoanalytic training at SEFAPP.

**OBJECTIVES:** After attending this intermediate-level program in full, participants will be able to,

1. Articulate an overview of the major research in neuroscience, including at least two ways that neuroscience influences the study of the mind-brain-body continuum and at least two ways that this research is relevant to contemporary models of psychoanalysis.
2. Explain milestones in the development of an intersubjective systems theory in clinical psychoanalysis (including its roots in self psychology) so as to enhance clinical conceptualization with patients.
3. Demonstrate, through discussion of clinical vignettes, the ability to work within an intersubjective systems model of psychoanalytic treatment, including the ability to make use of clinical fluidity and bi-directionality.

**REGISTRATION:** (*Register by November 14<sup>th</sup> to avoid \$15 at-the-door late fee*)

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