



**INSTITUTE of  
PSYCHOANALYSIS**

# **From Harm to Healing**

**Current Perspectives on Abuse**

**Saturday 20th June 2026**

**10am - 6pm**

**London or Online via Zoom**

Booking:  
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# Programme

**9:30am**

Tea & Coffee

**10am**

Welcome & Conference Open

**10:15am**

*Working with Groups of Survivors and Survivor Advocates Abused in Institutions - How Can Their Unique Contributions be Utilised?* (Daniel Taggart)

**11:15am**

Comfort Break

**11:30am**

*You Wouldn't Imprison a Hurricane... But It Might Be Possible to Change Its Course: Intervening in the Cycle of Violence* (Stephen Blumenthal)

**12:30pm**

Lunch (provided by IOPA for in person attendees)

**1:30pm**

*Community Psychoanalysis on the Ground: Working with the Gender Based Violence in a South African Township* (Dr Nozipho Sangweni and Sue Levy)

**2:30pm**

Comfort Break

**2:45pm**

*Curiosity and Sexual Abuse: From the Perspective of Both the Victim and the Therapist* (Phil Stokoe)

**3:45pm**

Comfort Break

**4pm**

*Focused on Loss and Recovery* (Joanna Rosenthal)

**5pm**

Final Discussion (Maxine Dennis)

**6pm**

Conference Close

## Speakers

**Dr Daniel Taggart** is a Reader in clinical psychology and program director on the doctorate in clinical psychology at the University of Essex. Until 2022 he worked at the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse as the principal psychologist and clinical lead to the Truth Project. Daniel also works with the Northern Ireland Magdalene Laundry, Mother and Baby institution, and Workhouse truth recovery program, where he works with survivors of these institutions and their pathways and practices. He has also worked with the Northern Ireland historical institutional abuse redress panel, the Scottish child abuse redress scheme, the Jersey care home inquiry citizen's panel, and the Independent Commission for Reconciliation and Information Recovery (NI Troubles Legacy). Some of his research focuses on the impacts of child abuse in institutional settings and how public inquiries can best support survivor engagement.

**Dr Stephen Blumenthal** is a psychoanalyst and clinical psychologist in private practice and at the Portman Clinic, an NHS outpatient psychotherapy clinic for the psychological treatment of criminality, delinquency and violence. He is a Fellow of the British Psychoanalytical Society and an Associate Fellow of the British Psychological Society. He has a particular interest in understanding the connection between the mind and behaviour, and the risk of acting out in ways which are harmful to self and others. He is interested in the public understanding of psychological ideas. He is author books and peer reviewed research and clinical papers.

**Dr Nozipho Sangweni** is a medical doctor and policy development expert, with an interest in community mental health. This interest is as a result of her lived experiences and struggles as a black woman in South Africa and it is through these lived experiences that she, along with other professional women from the rural village where she grew up, established and built an early childhood centre. The Centre provides a range of community development programs with a particular emphasis on nurturing the minds of children, youth and their families. She continues to volunteer at the governance and leadership structure of the centre. During the COVID19 pandemic, Nozipho was the Chief Operations Officer at the Solidarity Fund, overseeing health, humanitarian and behavioural change initiatives in efforts to address the country's crisis. She held various other community level roles contributing to the same effort. She is a Board Committee member of the South African Medical Association (SAMA) where her focus is on health policy, legal and ethical concerns. Nozipho has held multiple executive, non-executive and leadership roles in the regulatory, public, private and non-governmental sectors. She holds post graduate qualifications in occupational health and has a Masters degree in Business Administration (MBA) from GIBS. She has also completed executive leadership trainings at Harvard Business School and MIT.

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**Sue Levy** is a Clinical Psychologist and an IPA Training Psychoanalyst for the South African Psychoanalytical Association (SAPA). Sue is a co-director of the South African Psychoanalytic Clinics - Johannesburg, which offers individual and group psychotherapy to South Africans unable to afford private rates. Given the history of apartheid almost all the work at the Clinic is trauma based. Sue has co-edited a text on trauma with Alessandra Lemma: *The Perversion of Loss: Psychoanalytic Reflections on Trauma*. She also has a chapter in the most recent Tavistock edition: *Complex Trauma* edited by Jo Stubbley and Linda Young. Sue has a long standing commitment to working with the issues of race and racialisation and how apartheid trauma has shaped these dynamics. Her current interest is in the relationship between Trauma and Corruption, both on the macro political level but also at the individual intra psychic level.

**Philip Stokoe** is a Psychoanalyst in private practice working with adults and couples, and an Organisational Consultant, providing consultation to a wide range of organisations, an author, teacher and video maker. He was a senior manager in a range of health and social care settings since 1978. Finally working in the Adult Department of the Tavistock & Portman NHS Foundation Trust between 1994 and 2012, where he was responsible for a wide range of successful innovations. He was the Clinical Director from 2007. He was a member of the European Psychoanalytic Federation Forum on Institutional Matters from 2015 to 2025, studying the nature of psychoanalytic institutions. His book, *The Curiosity Drive: Our Need for Inquisitive Thinking*, was published by Phoenix Publishing House in November 2020 and short-listed for the Gradiva® Award for Best Psychoanalytic Book in 2021.

**Joanna Rosenthal** is a psychoanalyst, couple psychotherapist and writer. She worked for many years running the Couples Unit in the Tavistock Clinic. She taught and lectured both in the UK and abroad and published many clinical papers broadly on understanding and working with couples. She now works in private practice with couples and individuals and is working on her second novel.

**Maxine Dennis** is a Psychoanalyst and consultant clinical psychologist who works with individuals, groups, and organisations. She is one of the original founding members of 10 Windsor Walk (psychoanalysis, psychotherapy and training in South London) and a founder/member of Black Psychoanalysts Speak. She is also a speaker and lecturer for various psychology, counselling and psychotherapy organisations in the UK and abroad and a training analyst for child psychotherapy and various adult psychotherapy trainings. She has directed and staffed on numerous Group Relation Conferences (GRCs). Maxine has a longstanding interest in art, psychoanalysis across the life span and its accessibility to a range of communities, and her clinical practice is in South London.