International Workshop on Psychoanalysis, Hermeneutics and Qualitative Research

May 20 – 21, 2009
Magdeburg, Germany

Preliminary Program

In memory of Steinar Kvale

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Dealing with the psychoanalytic interview will be of much use in demonstrating the presumed connection between psychoanalysis, hermeneutics, and qualitative research. The main point made by Steinar Kvale († 2008) was that Freud operated as a qualitative researcher. By this Kvale meant that Freud was discovery-oriented in the initial period of his work, he interpreted the meanings of what his patients were saying within a horizon of understanding which he brought to the activity, and that he was alert to commonalities among patients which he formulated into concepts, in turn leading to a theory. The activity as a whole thus can be seen as a systematic employment of hermeneutics, and given that hermeneutics is the root form of qualitative research, ergo Freud was an early qualitative researcher.

The workshop will address these and other related questions in four panels, each dedicated to a specific aspect of the complex relationship between the three concepts. Each panel will be initiated by a debate between two experienced scholars in this field, leading to discussion opened to all participants.

The workshop represents a preconference program to the Annual Meeting of the Deutsche Psychoanalytische Gesellschaft (DGP), held from May 21 to May 24 in Magdeburg. For information regarding this congress see www.dpg-psa.de.

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before March 20 € 100,-  
after March 20 € 120,-  
Students  
before March 20 € 50,-  
after March 20 € 60,-

Hotel Accommodation: Please order list of hotels

Travel: Magdeburg is serviced by rail with a direct connection to the Airports Berlin, Hannover, or Leipzig/Halle.

Method of Payment: Fees are quoted in Euros (€) and payable in cash on-site.

Magdeburg, December 2008

Jörg Frommer
Wednesday     May 20, 2009

1:00 pm
Welcome

Jörg Frommer, Magdeburg

1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Moderator: Jörg Frommer, Magdeburg

What about the Unconscious can be Determined by what Method?
Michael B. Buchholz, Göttingen
Stephan Wolff, Hildesheim

4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Moderator: David L. Rennie, Toronto

Which Ideas of Cure are Active in the Analysand and the Analyst in the Session? How do they Construct themselves as Co-Agents of Change?
  Brigitte Boothe, Zürich
  Andrzej Werbart, Stockholm

6:30 to 7:30 pm
Evening lecture

The Jewish Roots of Psychoanalytic Understanding
  Léon Wurmser, Towson
  Ronald Mitnick, Baltimore

8:00 pm
Dinner

Thursday     May 21, 2009

9:30 am to 11:30 am

Moderator: Andrzej Werbart, Stockholm

The 'Case' in Psychotherapy: Psychodynamic and Conversation Analytic Perspectives
  Ulrich Streeck, Tiefenbrunn/Göttingen
  Jörg Bergmann, Bielefeld

12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Moderator: Ulrich Streeck, Tiefenbrunn/Göttingen

Psychoanalysis, Hermeneutics and Qualitative Research: Methodological Considerations
  Uta Gerhardt, Heidelberg
  David L. Rennie, Toronto

2:00 pm
Farewell
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