

# FREUD CONFERENCE 2002

## Roots of Fanaticism

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March

0900 – 0930      **Registration**

0930              **Welcome: Anne Kantor**

0935 – 1100      **Chair: Christine Hill**

**The roots of fanaticism: Know your enemy.  
Professor Stuart Twemlow**

A theory of fanaticism is presented from several converging perspectives, with psychoanalytic case material of analogous clinical states including stalking, love sickness, and psychosis. A second perspective shows how the people and institutions in social systems create the crucible for fanaticism and in martial arts where "winning" requires you to deeply know and respect your enemy.

1100 – 1130      *Morning Tea*

1130 – 1300      **Chair: John Boots**

**A stone-bridge view of fanaticism.  
Know your friend.  
Dr. Shahid Najeeb**

An attempt to understand fanaticism from a combined psycho-analytical and Buddhist perspective. An ancient koan about a stone bridge is used to illustrate the central issues of what constitutes fanaticism, both as an intrapsychic and an external event.

1300 – 1400      *LUNCH*

1400 – 1530      **Chair: Oliver Larkin**

**A crucible for murder:  
The social context of violent children.  
Professor Stuart Twemlow**

Reports case material from children who have committed murder with a theory of treatment based on understanding defenses and the need for intervention in families, schools and communities. I will report a randomized control study of a psychoanalytic intervention that has been highly successful in reducing bullying in schools.

1530 – 1545      *Afternoon tea*

1545 – 1700      **Chair: Eve Steel**

**Panel discussion**

**Psychoanalysis and fanaticism**

**Stuart Twemlow, Shahid Najeeb, Douglas Kirsner**

**SPEAKERS**

**Professor Stuart Twemlow:** Immediate past Director of the Erikson Institute, Austen Riggs Centre, Massachusetts, Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, University of Kansas School of Medicine; Faculty member, Department of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School. Has held various offices including faculty member, President and Program Chairman, Topeka Psychoanalytical Society; appointments to major Academic and Clinical Directorships and Editorial Boards; and has an extensive research background with over 150 publications. Professor Twemlow is an international lecturer on the physical and psychological aspects of violence, and a regular consultant with the FBI on school homicides. Among his many interests are Zen religion, brush paintings, and the Martial Arts where he is a Chief Instructor, advanced Black Belt, and President of the United States Kempo Federation.

**Dr. Shahid Najeeb:** Psychiatrist and Training Analyst of the Australian Psychoanalytical Society, Sydney. Special interest in the wider application of psychoanalytic thinking, and in particular the relationship of Buddhist thinking to psychoanalytic concepts and ideas, on which he has given many lectures.

**Dr. Douglas Kirsner:** Senior Lecturer in Psychoanalytic Studies and Philosophy at Deakin University. His most recent book "Unfree Associations: Inside Psychoanalytic Institutes" (London 2000), has received international acclaim. Douglas has lectured widely in the US, the UK and Australia and published extensively in the psychoanalytic field. He was the founder of the Freud Conference, which he directed from 1977 until 1997 and remains a member of its committee of management.

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