

# **FREUD CONFERENCE, 20<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2006**

## **Psychoanalysis: 150 years on since Freud**

Treacy Centre, 126 The Avenue, Parkville, Melbourne

8.30am            **Registration & coffee**

8.50am            **Introduction & welcome**

9.00 – 10.30    **“The historical Freud and today’s developmental orientation for psychoanalysis”**

### **Professor Robert Emde**

We honour Freud on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of his birth by placing a number of his fundamental discoveries in historical context and updating them. Areas to be discussed include: development terminable and interminable; the widening world of the unconscious; the widening world of our relations with others; and play, positive emotions and future orientations. All of these areas are seen contribute to a therapeutics of new beginnings.

10.30 – 11.00    *Morning Tea*

11.00 – 12.30    **“Might Freud’s legacy lie beyond the couch?”**

### **Professor Stuart Twemlow**

This paper advances the view that Freud’s main legacy will be the application of psychoanalysis to community and social problems and issues, rather than in contributions to the treatment of mental illness. The history of applied psychoanalysis is outlined with suggestions for the training and validation of Community. The paper concludes with a sketch of typical modern applications to rearing of children and prevention of emotional disorders in children, contributions to understanding large social groups including racial and ethnic strife, school violence, terrorism, prejudice and conflict.

12.30 – 2.00     *LUNCH*

2.00 – 3.30      **“Early Moral Development and Preventive Interventions”**

**Professor Robert Emde**

The importance of childhood moral development was put forward by Freud who focused on the Oedipus complex and conflict. Developmental research since Freud has provided a host of findings for updating psychoanalytic theory. This presentation will review principles of early moral development as a background for preventive intervention studies of young children in the United States living in circumstances of extreme poverty. The studies, designed primarily to enhance cognitive development, are yielding surprising results in the area of moral development. These studies and others will also be discussed highlighting the new frontiers of gene-environment interactions.

3.30 – 4.00      *Afternoon tea*

4.00 – 5.30      **Panel discussion with Robert Emde and Stuart Twemlow, chaired by Doug Kirsner**

5.30 – 6.30      *Drinks and nibbles*

### **Keynote Speaker**

Professor Robert Emde is a distinguished psychoanalyst, research scientist, and international scholar in infant mental health studies, child development, and psychoanalytic research. His recent work has focussed on young children and families in circumstances of poverty, and in evaluating early childhood prevention and intervention programs. He is currently Professor of Psychiatry, University of Colorado Health Sciences Centre, and Adjunct Professor of Psychology, University of Denver. Robert has an impressive list of awards; has been an invited plenary speaker to more than 20 countries; held positions on numerous Editorial Boards, currently the International Journal for Psycho-Analysis, and has been a Consultant Editorial Reviewer for several Scientific Journals.

### **Second Speaker**

Professor Stuart Twemlow is Professor of Psychiatry & Behavioural Sciences, Baylor College of Medicine, Menninger Dept of Psychiatry & Behavioural Sciences, and Medical Director, HOPE unit, The Menninger Clinic, Houston. He is Immediate Past Director of the Erikson Institute, Austen Riggs Centre, Massachusetts; Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, University of Kansas School of Medicine; and Faculty member, Department of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School. He is an international lecturer on the physical and psychological aspects of violence, and a regular consultant with the FBI on school homicides. Stuart currently is Editor-in-Chief, International Journal of Applied Psychoanalytic Studies, and President, International Association for Applied Psychoanalytic Studies. He has an extensive research background with over 150 publications.

**Organized by** representatives from three of the main clinical Psychoanalytic Associations: Australian Association of Group Psychotherapists, Australian Psychoanalytical Society, and Victorian Association of Psychoanalytic Psychotherapists (for the Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy Association of Australasia)

**Cost:** \$160.00 (GST not applicable) Includes lunch, morning and afternoon teas \$110.00 Concession. Pension card holders and full time students (written verification with registration required)

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