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##### Issue no. 3, 2015, Volume 49

Seymour Moscovitz, *Hans Loewald's "On the therapeutic action of psychoanalysis": Initial reception and later influence*

**Abstract:** Hans Loewald's "On the Therapeutic Action of Psychoanalysis" is one of the most frequently cited and influential articles in psychoanalysis. The development of Loewald's paper is traced from early, unpublished drafts and presentations (approximately years 1956-1959) to its eventual publication in the *International Journal of Psychoanalysis* in 1960. Using archival material, the initial reception to Loewald's ideas is examined, showing the difficulty in grasping their novelty, originality, and clinical implications. Citation analysis is employed to demonstrate the article's growing influence and broad cross-over appeal to analysts of various orientations. The implications of this study as a way of examining originality and influence are discussed.

Bernd Bocian, *Karl Landauer (1887-1945): A Frankfurt psychoanalyst almost forgotten by psychoanalysis and Gestalt therapy*

**Abstract:** The Frankfurt psychoanalyst Karl Landauer, who died in the concentration camp of Bergen-Belsen, is remembered. Landauer, who had been in analysis with Sigmund Freud, was a collaborator and close friend of Max Horkheimer, one of the analysts of Lore and Fritz Perls and an independent and creative thinker. After a brief description of his biography and of the history of the foundation of the Frankfurt Psychoanalytic Institute, some themes of Landauer's work, that have anticipated aspects of contemporary psychoanalysis and influenced Gestalt therapy, are discussed. These themes are, among others, the following: his soft application of active psychoanalysis, his emphasis on thinking and feeling in an independent way, his close attention to affects and body language (in a way that resembles the later developments of *infant research*), and a strong interest for social factors.

Franco Maiullari, *Foucault and Oedipus the King: Genealogy of a misunderstanding*

**Abstract:** Oedipus' tragedy is the myth which has most significantly influenced 20<sup>th</sup> century culture, in particular philosophy and psychology. Both Foucault and Freud have amply written about it; however, both referred to the traditional interpretation of *Oedipus the King* – the

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Aristotelian interpretation which considers Oedipus an involuntary perpetrator of parricide and incest. Such an interpretation, however, is problematic once the text is analyzed in detail. Following a discussion of Freud's improper use of the tragedy (Maiullari, 2011), this article analyzes Foucault's – also improper – use: in both cases the issue is that of method, since neither scholar addresses the text before drawing conclusions. The two articles complement each other in their cross-referencing on psychology and philosophy, and confirm the need to abide by the text with the same respect as would be due to a patient's text if we are to avoid being led into arbitrary conclusions.

Fulvio Frati, *The problem of "repression of the good object" in W.R.D. Fairbairn's theoretical model*

**Abstract:** In contemporary psychoanalysis there is a general agreement on the idea that representations of "bad objects" are often kept unconscious through the mechanism of repression. However, the Scottish psychoanalyst William Ronald Dodds Fairbairn (1889-1964) suggested, counter-intuitively, that also the "good object" can be repressed. This aspect is discussed within Fairbairn's overall metapsychology, and an attempt is made in order to understand why also a good or ideal object can undergo repression. In the discussion, a reference to Ignacio Matte Blanco's 1975 theory of the bi-logic of the "unconscious as infinite sets" is made. Clinical implications and the contributions of other authors (such as David P. Celani, David E. Scharff, and Neil J. Skolnick) are also examined.

## Traces

*Education and miseducation in psychoanalysis*

Pier Francesco Galli, *Introduction*

Pier Francesco Galli, *From Basle to Milan to Zurich: On psychoanalytic training (A Letter to the Editor of The International Journal of Psychoanalysis)*

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**Abstract:** After a brief introduction by Pier Francesco Galli, two documents are published. The first one – written by Pier Francesco Galli and titled "From Basle to Milan to Zurich: On psychoanalytic training" – is a Letter to the Editor of *The International Journal of Psychoanalysis* (no. 6/2013) on some aspects of the history of psychoanalysis in Switzerland and Italy, written as a rebuttal to a "Letter from Basle" by Dieter Bürgin published in issue no. 6/2012 of *The International Journal of Psychoanalysis*; some incorrect information on the problem of psychoanalytic training and the history of the "Zurich Psychoanalytic Seminar" (PSZ) are pointed out. The second document, titled "History of a cancelled congress", contains some correspondence on the "Interlaken affair", i.e., on a Congress that was supposed to be organized in Interlaken (Switzerland) on April 7-12, 1974, by some associations affiliated to the *International Psychoanalytic Association (IPA)* and that had to be cancelled (this material never appeared in German but only in Italian on pp. 25-31 of issue no. 4/1975 of *Psicoterapia e Scienze Umane*).

Marianna Bolko & Berthold Rothschild, *A "flea in one's ear". History of the counter-congress of the International Psychoanalytic Association of Rome in 1969*

**Abstract:** The history of the *counter-congress* of the *International Psychoanalytic Association (IPA)* of Rome in 1969, usually forgotten or repressed by official historiography, is reviewed. This protest was instigated because of the conservative structure of psychoanalytic training and associations. Today, these themes, after much delay, have even been officially dealt with by the IPA. In the final reflective passages, the formal training of psychoanalysts is strongly criticized, and alternative solutions are suggested

## Deabates

### *On the closing of Judicial Psychiatric Hospitals in Italy*

Ciro Tarantino, *The snail's strategy. Notes on the closing of Judicial Psychiatric Hospitals in Italy*

**Abstract:** The management of madness has always been a matter of spaces. The most extreme of these places – the places that in the last quarter of XIX century were created in Italy as Judicial Psychiatric Hospitals – have recently seen an ambiguous attempt of being closed down. The real possibilities of closing these Hospitals and the various steps of the complex legislation on this issue are described and discussed. Any modification of these places at the border of our “normal” identity implies a redefinition of social meaning, of the boundaries of human condition and of the hierarchical orders. The destiny of these marginal places, then, preserves the codes of social order and of its future.

Andrea Angelozzi, *Discipline and treat. Reflections on the closing of Judicial Psychiatric Hospitals in Italy*

**Abstract:** The link between the regulations for the closing of Judicial Psychiatric Hospitals, on the one hand, and the Law for Psychiatric reform in Italy (Law no. 180 of 1978) and the impact on the current identity of psychiatry and the organization of Community Mental Health system, on the other, is examined. A critical picture, with clear limitations of scientific, organizational and managerial instruments at hand, emerges. There are problems also within the judicial realm, where both the actual value of the instrument of expert witnesses and the psychiatrist's ability to predict and handle people's behaviors and their dangerousness seem fragile.

Pietro Pellegrini, *Reflections on the closing of Judicial Psychiatric Hospitals in Italy*

**Abstract:** The legislative changes related to the accused acquitted by reason of insanity and socially dangerous are explained. Italian Law no. 81/2014 gives priority to strategies that ensure care and can face social danger without custodial measures. The Residences for the Execution of Safety Measures (REMS) are supposed to be a residual choice in the case of measures such detention. The function of REMS is to cure people and at the same time to create the conditions to achieve safety measures other than imprisonment. In this process, the judiciary system plays a fundamental role. The challenge is to combine health and safety, and create conditions for the empowerment of people in terms of “recovery” by promoting social inclusion: a new hope for community psychiatry in Italy.

Euro Pozzi, *The psychiatrist's legal responsibility as a necessary condition for the closing of Judicial Psychiatric Hospitals in Italy*

**Abstract:** Over the last years, little has changed in the real possibilities of treating mental disorders. However, in Italy today it is possible to close Judicial Psychiatric Hospitals, which means that somehow psychiatry has a new “task”. The idea of controlling the patient with institutionalization has been substituted by the more modern – and apparently medical – idea of controlling the illness with medication. With proper medication, mental illness is under control and the patient is protected from the «negative consequences of mental suffering» (Criminal Appeal, no. 10795/2007). In this way, the risk is that there is no difference between treatment of mental illness and control of the person.

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- Luigi Cavallaro, *Giurisprudenza. Politiche del desiderio ed economia del godimento nell'Italia contemporanea*. [Law. Policies of Desire and Economy of Jouissance in Contemporary Italy] Macerata: Quodlibet, 2015 (Antonella Mancini)

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- Istituto Sondriese per la Storia della Resistenza e dell'Età Contemporanea (ISSREC), *Scorci del Novecento in Valtellina. Donne uomini istituzioni* [Glimpses of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century in Valtellina. Women, Men, Institutions] (Issue no. 11/12). Preface by Bianca Ceresara Declich. Sondrio: ISSREC, 2014 (Paolo Migone)
- Marta Boni, Pierpaolo Luderin, Antonio Alberto Semi & Anna Tortorella, *Studenti pazienti. Percorsi di pensiero con studenti universitari*. [Students and Patients. Paths of Thought for University Students] Introduction by di Antonio Alberto Semi. Milan: Edizioni Libreria Cortina, 2014 (Andrea Castiello d'Antonio)

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- The Lancet*, 2015, Volume 385, no. 9969 (Paolo Migone)
- The Lancet Psychiatry*, 2015, Volume 2, no. 7 (Paolo Migone)
- Giornale Italiano di Psicologia*, 2015, Volume XLII, no. 1/2 (Paolo Migone)

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#### Issue no. 4, 2015, Volume 49

Morris N. Eagle, *Countertransference revisited*

**Abstract:** The concept of countertransference is critically revisited starting from Freud's definition up to the more recent positions. Whereas Freud conceived countertransference as an obstacle to analytic work, later an enlarged or “totalistic” conception of countertransference became widely accepted. According to this view, countertransference is not only “the analyst's transference” (i.e., due to a “neurotic residue”), but includes all the analyst's reactions to the patient; some authors, such as Paula Heimann and Heinrich Racker, argued that it is a useful therapeutic tool because it allows for a “direct knowledge” of the patient's unconscious. These positions are criticized, and also the related concept of “analytic love” is critically discussed. Through a review of the empirical literature on countertransference, often ignored by analysts, it is argued that empirical research is useful in order to define concepts and validate hypotheses, and that a moderate conception of countertransference is more justifiable.

Riccardo Gramantieri, *Leonardo, Schreber, and Freud “case”: A hypothesis of identification*

**Abstract:** Leonardo's and Schreber's clinical cases are important Freudian studies both written in 1910. The two clinical cases study mainly homosexuality, but they also constitute indirect analysis: the first one about a Renaissance scientist through the biographies and his pictorial

work; the second one about a delusional person through his memoirs. Besides, they have activated in Freud an identification process with his subject of study. The similarities between autobiographical experiences can lead to the hypothesis that the formulation of a theory of mental functioning, which is the secondary object of the two cases, can be derived from the self-analysis that Freud performed about a dozen years earlier, and therefore there may be an affinity between the Freudian self-analysis' writing process and Leonardo and Schreber's creative processes.

Paolo Migone, *Problems of drug research: The case of "Study 329"*

**Abstract:** On September 16, 2015, the *British Medical Journal (BMJ)* published the reanalysis, authored by Le Noury *et al.*, of the infamous "Study 329", i.e., the randomized controlled trial (RCT) by Keller *et al.* of 2001 on the effects of paroxetine and imipramine for major depression in adolescents, that had concluded that paroxetine was «generally well tolerated and effective». This reanalysis, instead, on the basis of the same data has reached the opposite conclusion, i.e., that paroxetine is not effective in the treatment of major depression in adolescents, and there is a clinically significant increase in harms, including serious, severe, and suicide related adverse events. The manufacturer of paroxetine, the *GlaxoSmithKline (GSK)* pharmaceutical company, had in fact been sued for fraud and had to pay a \$3 billion fine.

Rolf Sandell, *Change After Psychotherapy (CHAP): A method for measuring change after the termination of psychotherapy*

**Abstract:** *Change After Psychotherapy (CHAP)*, formulated by Rolf Sandell in 1987, is a method to measure change after the termination of a psychotherapy, without comparing pre- and post-treatment variables. The CHAP five scales are described (Symptoms, Adaptive Capacity, Self-insight, Basic Conflicts, and Extra-Therapeutic Factors), with data on reliability and norms. One of the interesting aspects of CHAP is that it allows to identify variables not present at the beginning of treatment, i.e., that could not be included in pre-post measures since they might appear due to therapy itself. This manual, which was never published before, is an update of a 1997 manuscript.

## Traces

Luigi Antonello Armando, *An almost forgotten episode of the history of psychoanalysis in Italy (1969-1976)*

**Abstract:** An episode of the history of psychoanalysis in Italy, that has been almost completely forgotten, is narrated. It concerns the expulsion of two psychoanalysts (Luigi Antonello Armando e Massimo Fagioli) from the Italian Psychoanalytic Society (SPI) and the *International Psychoanalytic Association (IPA)*. The vicissitudes that led to this expulsion begun just before the 1969 IPA Congress in Rome and ended in 1976. The reasons for this expulsion were related to different views on psychoanalytic theory and to the hierarchical system of psychoanalytic training in IPA-affiliated societies.

## Debates

Pietro Pellegrini, *Safety measures in psychiatry?*

**Abstract:** Some proposals of reform suggested by the "States-General for the Sentence Execution" of the Italian Department of Justice, concerning safety measures to be applied to the accused acquitted by reason of insanity and socially dangerous, are discussed. The Italian Law no. 81/2014 gives priority to strategies that ensure care and face social danger without custodial measures. These "safety measures in psychiatry" have been proposed with the aim of overcoming detention measures. However, this proposal is not compatible with the model used for the closing of Judicial Psychiatric Hospitals since it implies a return to a custodial model that may jeopardize the success of care and the functioning of the "Residences for the Execution of Safety Measures" (REMS).

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- Pierre Janet, *La psicoanalisi* (1913). [Psychoanalysis] Preface and editing by Maurilio Orbecchi. Turin: Bollati Boringhieri, 2014 (original edition: *La psychanalyse de Freud* [1913]. Paris: L'Harmattan, 2004) (Andrea Castiello d'Antonio)
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- David C. Steffens, Dan G. Blazer & Mugdha E. Thakur (editors), *Textbook of Geriatric Psychiatry. DSM-5 Edition*. Washington D.C.: American Psychiatric Publishing, 2015 (Andrea Castiello d'Antonio)
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- Andrea Castiello d'Antonio, *Come, quando e perché la formazione non funziona. Cause e rimedi per una formazione utile e sostenibile*. [How, When and Why Training Doesn't Work: Causes and Remedies for a Useful and Sustainable Training] Milan: FrancoAngeli, 2014 (Luciana d'Ambrosio Marri)
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- World Psychiatry*, 2015, Volume 14, no. 3 (Paolo Migone)
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