

and the Early Female Pioneers of Psychoanalysis

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SABINA SPIELREIN AND THE EARLY FEMALE PIONEERS OF PSYCHOANALYSIS

International conference

2 — 4 April 2020

Warsaw, Poland

Location:

Staszic Palace, 72 Nowy Świat Street

Organizers:

International Association for Spielrein Studies
International Psychoanalytic University Berlin

Scientific and organisational committee:

Klara Naszkowska (International Association for Spielrein Studies) Adrienne Harris (International Association for Spielrein Studies) John Launer (International Association for Spielrein Studies) Bernhard Bolech (International Psychoanalytic University Berlin)

Thursday, April 2, 2020

5:30-6:00

Registration of participants

6:00

Welcoming address

Klara Naszkowska (Warsaw/New York)

Public lectures:

"The past is never dead. It's not even past"

Adrienne Harris (New York) Klara Naszkowska (Warsaw/New York) John Launer (London)

Between Bolsheviks and Nazis: A tragic story of Sabina's family Vladimir Shpilrain (New York)

The untold story of Sabina Spielrein: Book presentation

Vladimir Shpilrain* (New York) Henry Lothane (New York)

Psychoanalysis and emancipation: First female psychoanalysts from Poland – a country that did not exist

Paweł Dybel (Warsaw, Krakow)

8:15

Reception

Friday, April 3, 2020

9:00—10:30

Curatorial tour of the Underground Archive of the Warsaw Ghetto (Jewish Historical Institute)

10:30—11:00

Coffee break

(Jewish Historical Institute)

11:00—12:00

Return to the Staszic Palace

12:00—1:30

Sabina Spielrein and Carl Jung

Chair: Klara Naszkowska

Sabina Spielrein's influence on C. G Jung, as case, collaborator, and projected anima

Felicity Kelcourse (Indianapolis)

Analytical psychology: Comparative analysis

Valentin Balanovsky (Kaliningrad)

1:30—2:50

Lunch break

2:50-4:40

Sabina Spielrein and the death drive

Chair: Pamela Cooper-White

Death instinct and mental conflict in Spielrein's work

Fatima Caropreso (Juiz de Fora)

We could just as readily derive everything from the nurturing drive: Spielrein as a proto-Relational theorist

Esther Rapoport (Tel Aviv)

Is the death drive gendered?

Adrienne Harris (New York)

Eyal Rozmarin (New York)

4:40-5:00

Coffee break

5:00—6:30

(Re)constructing Sabina Spielrein

Chair: Adrienne Harris

A dangerous method: Interactive discussion

Kathleen Henke (Berlin)

Sabina Spielrein and #MeToo movement: Group discussion

Kathy Sinsheimer (Oakland)

6:30—8:00

Break

8:00

Visit to the perished city.

Guide tour to the former Warsaw Ghetto area

Agnieszka Haska (Warsaw)

Saturday, April 4, 2020

9:00—10:10

Sabina Spielrein and language

Chair: Esther Rapoport

Sabina Spielrein as linguist

Katalin Faluvégi (Budapest)

Sabina Spielrein's language of the mother: Anticipation of the ideas of Jacques Lacan, Hélène Cixous and Luce Irigaray

Klara Naszkowska (Warsaw/New York)

10:10—10:30

Coffee break

10:30—11:40

Sabina Spielrein and medical science

Chair: Bernhard Bolech

Sabina Spielrein as a pioneer of evolutionary psychology and psychiatry

John Launer (London)

Spielrein, materialistic psychoanalysis and holistic neurology

Ana Tomcic (Exeter)

11:40—12:00

Coffee break

12:00—1:40

Polish-Jewish pioneers of psychoanalysis,

Holocaust, and emigration

Chair: Irayetzin A. Hernández

"Our last psychoanalytical Mohican in Berlin": The Polish analyst Salomea Kempner (1880-1943) and her years in Berlin (1923-1939) and her disappearance in Warsaw Ludger Hermanns (Berlin)

Eugenie Sokolnicka, Sophie Morgenstern: Forgotten pioneers of psychoanalysis in the field of female psyche and child psychology

Ursula Prameshuber (Rome)

The force of destiny: Alberta Szalita, a Jewish psychoanalyst from Warsaw in America

Ewa Kobylińska-Dehe (Frankfurt/Berlin)

1:40-3:00

Lunch break

3:00—5:10

More female pioneers of psychoanalysis, Holocaust, and tyranny Chair: John Launer

Margarete Hilferding: A woman before her time Candice Dumas (Cape Town)

Erzsébet Kardos, the promise of the Budapest School of psychoanalysis

Anna Borgos (Budapest)

What do we know about Tatiana Rosenthal?

Pamela Cooper-White (New York)

An unknown heroine's mission on the eve of the second world war: Erzsébet Farkas' work in a Jewish foster home in Hungary Dóra Szabó (Budapest)

5:10-5:30

Coffee break

5:30-7:10

More female pioneers of psychoanalysis:

Escaping Holocaust and tyranny?

Chair: Felicity Kelcourse

The artist as narcissus:

Lou Andreas-Salomé on Artistic Creativity

Shira Dushy (Tel Aviv/Berlin)

Ella Freeman Sharpe:

a leading figure in the interpretation of the dreams

Irayetzin A. Hernández (Berlin)

Beyond the Nirvana principle:

Barbara Low's contributions to psychoanalysis

Richard Theisen Simanke (Juiz de Fora)

7:10-7:30

Coffee break

7:30—7:45

Sabina's Faces:

Work-in-progress presentation of a theatrical performance

Gunilla Bergerham (Stockholm)

Matilda Strand (Stockholm)

Eveline Grassman (Stockholm)

Alexandra Ekelöf (Stockholm)

Bob Dolman (Los Angeles)

7:45

Closing of the conference

8:00

Gala dinner

Contact: spielrein@spielreinassociation.org

Registration: https://www.spielreinassociation.org/register

Languages of the conference: English.

Polish/English and German/English translators will be present

Conference fee:

65 EUR / 280 PLN (till Feb. 1, 2020, then 80 EUR / 340 PLN)
40 EUR / 170 PLN for university students and Psychoanalytic Institutes candidates (till Feb. 1, 2020, then 60 EUR / 245 PLN)

The conference fee covers: participation in the conference, participation in the curatorial tour of the Underground Archive of the Warsaw Ghetto, participation in the guided night walk, materials, two coffee breaks, two lunch breaks. It does not cover the gala dinner. If you would like to participate, please include an additional fee of 35 EUR / 150 PLN

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Playwright and actress working on stage, and in film and TV productions. Now touring is her musical for children about the environments of the oceans. Gunilla is also a certified dream coach of the Institute for Dream Psychology and a gestalt practitioner.

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