Sabina Spielrein and the Early Female Pioneers of Psychoanalysis

International Conference
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Staszic Palace
(Polish Academy of Sciences)

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2 – 4 April 2020
Warsaw, Poland

Location:
Staszic Palace, 72 Nowy Świat Street

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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

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

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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