

INVITATION TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS:

“Navigating Complexity: Considering the Relationship Between Theory and Practice”

Announcing a panel sponsored by IARPP’s Candidates Committee for the 14th International Conference in Sydney, Australia.

Candidates and early-career analysts/relational psychotherapists are invited to submit proposals for this panel discussion, developed by the Candidates Committee, to be held as part of IARPP’s upcoming conference in Sydney, **May 25-28, 2017**. In an effort to encourage broader participation in the conference by those who have more recently joined our profession, our panel will feature several presenters who are either currently in psychoanalytic or relational psychotherapeutic training or are within five years of completing their training. The panelists will be followed by a respondent, a senior analyst yet to be named. As well, the Candidates Committee is pleased to announce the availability of **financial awards** for presenters, to offset the travel costs and to encourage participation.

In its constructivist leanings, relational psychoanalysis invites us to see theory not as offering up clinical certainty, but as an interpretive/hermeneutic pursuit, ever evolving and inflected by human subjectivity and intersubjectivity. We are interested in how that fundamental shift has affected psychoanalytic training and how candidate clinicians think about and cope with the added complexity this perspective invites.

For this panel, we invite papers on the subject of negotiating the relationship between theory and practice. How does one hold the complexity a relational psychoanalytic perspective necessarily entails? How do candidates think about and work with the relationship between theory and clinical practice? In a field that has developed over time from a singular voice into a whole chorus of perspectives, how does one center oneself and stay grounded?

All submissions must be explicated within clinical work and examples.

Information and guidelines for submission:

--This panel is open to candidates currently in psychoanalytic training or those who have graduated within the past five years. All panelists must be members of IARPP.

--Participants will be chosen to present for 15 minutes each, followed by a respondent.

--Presentations will be written and spoken in English.

--Submissions should be no longer than 250 words (approximately one double-

spaced page) and should capture something about the work as it relates to our theme of the relationship between theory and practice.

--Please send your submission as an email attachment to offmanh@rogers.com and mariajosemezera@gmail.com.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS DECEMBER 1.

If your proposal is accepted for this panel, your final presentation will be due on **March 1, 2017**.