

**Due to popular demand we are repeating the following workshop.**

**While there will be much overlap with the initial workshop, there will also be a greater focus on the Lacanian approach.**

## **DEMYSTIFYING PSYCHOSIS**

**PRESENTED BY PROFESSOR GILL STRAKER**

**Saturday 30 March 2019**

**9.30am - 4.00pm**

**(registration from 9.00 - 9.30am)**

**Crows Nest Community Centre, 2 Ernest Place, Crows Nest**

As psychotherapists in private practice we are inclined to think that psychosis is not in our purview. We think of psychosis in terms of scheduling and hospitalisation. Yet psychosis is like a fever. It is a definite experience but has multiple causes. Like a fever, psychosis is a sign of many possible maladies Some require hospitalisation and many do not. Furthermore, from a psychological/ psychoanalytic perspective, psychosis, like fever, signals that the individual is fighting back.

Through the lens of a number of eminent psychoanalysts, including Klein, Lacan and Nancy McWilliams, this workshop will explore psychotic anxiety, psychotic structure, psychotic mental processes and psychotic functioning, indicating their similarities and differences. The existence of psychotic moments in all of us at particular times of stress and trauma will be highlighted to show that the experience of psychosis is on a continuum, even if the diagnosis of psychosis is categorical once symptoms become florid.

The implications for treatment will be explored with an emphasis on the ubiquity of these processes even in the treatment of neurosis.

**Workshop leader:** Gill Straker is a clinical professor in the department of psychology at the University of Sydney. She is a distinguished Mellon Foundation Scholar, a visiting research professor at the University of Witwatersrand,

Johannesburg, and a practicing Lacanian analyst, psychotherapist and supervisor. She is a member of the Australian Center for Psychoanalysis, the International Association of Relational Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy and the NSW Institute for Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy. She is also a member of the United Kingdom Association for Psychotherapy Integration. She has a long standing interest in how personal and social histories influence therapeutic practice and is widely published in the area of psychotherapy.

Morning tea and a light lunch will be served.

### **Registration**

Workshop fee: \$290 plus GST (total = \$319).

A reduction of \$50 will be offered to full time students on request.

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