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*NSWIPP is pleased to invite you to a Continuing Professional Development Seminar entitled*

## ***WAIL FROM THE WILDERNESS***

**Presented by Dr Karyn Todes**

**Chaired by Dr Timothy Keogh**

to be held via ZOOM on

**Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 at 7:45pm**

The analyst reflects on an analysis of a patient in a quasi-autistic, psychotic, dark, vacuous, imprisoning cell – a kind of psychic solitary confinement. A catastrophic rupture in the patient's sense of continuity, resulted in a vortex of despair. The analyst develops a series of metaphors, that spontaneously arose for her, and these thread through the encounter, illuminating the patient's concrete, inner world and the difficulties of thinking under harsh conditions. The analyst discovers a documentary, about an autistic boy. The images provide her with a platform to deepen thinking and give expression to unconscious, incommunicable nuances in the relationship to her patient. The analyst likens the autistic boy's use of "gibberish", to her patients' "echolalia" or surface-like contact. This "gibberish" mirrors the patient's retreat from connection. The paper speaks to the extreme difficulty of helping to develop an unformed mind, the technical complications, the unexpected challenges, the setbacks, and explores the complexity of work with this extremely difficult type of patient. The analyst draws on the work of Ogden(1985; 1987; 2016), Winnicott (1951;1971) and Tustin (1986) which function as a torch in this psychic darkness.

***Dr Todes*** is a Training psychoanalyst of the Australian Psychoanalytic Society (Sydney Branch) and the International Psychoanalytic Association (IPA). She is a Clinical and Counseling Psychologist in Private Practice in Sydney. Dr. Todes held the position of National Scientific Chair of the Australian Psychoanalytic Society (APAS), in 2020 & 2021. She was responsible for arranging local conferences, and APAS outreach events for the general public. In 2018 and 2019 she was the Scientific Chair of the Sydney Institute for Psychoanalysis. She arranged the annual scientific programme for members of the local branch, and organised public lectures with local and international guest speakers creating continuing educational opportunities for the broader community. She is a committee member on the IPA climate committee, with colleagues overseas who represent all regions and is currently co- authoring a chapter on Climate Change and Psychoanalysis for the American Psychiatric Association's "Textbook of Psychoanalysis" 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, edited by Glen Gabbard, Bonnie Litowitz and Paul Williams.

***NSWIPP members, guest members, associates, affiliates & trainees welcome to attend.***

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