

## REPETITION ↔ TRANSFORMATION

The focus of this year's EPCUS conference will be repetition and transformation, significant concepts for understanding the structure of the psyche, progressive and regressive flows of human development, and elementary constituents of the process of psychoanalysis. Related topics will be addressed as well: psychic work, mourning and renunciation, and the question of discontinuity and time. In connection with this, we will present an introductory overview of contemporary psychoanalytic theory and practice.

The tendency to repeat satisfying experiences in life, in the interest of the so-called pleasure principle, is not difficult to understand. However, human beings can also be prone to repeat painful, sometimes traumatic experiences, often rooted in early childhood. These repetitions can cause stagnation and destruction and may prevent further development, change, and growth. In psychoanalysis, such dreadful repetitions can come to the fore and by that a process of transformation can take place. This enables new forms of relating to ourselves and to others.

Prominent European psychoanalysts will illustrate both sides of such repetition and transformation, using examples from psychoanalytic treatments well as from other social, political and cultural phenomena.

Alexander Janssen, Mercedes Puchol, Jasminka Šuljagić, Martin Teising

**Presenters**: Heribert Blass, Christine Franckx, Orna Hadary, Anna Maria Nicolò, Mercedes Puchol, Mark Solms, Martin Teising, Majlis Winberg Salomonsson.

This conference is of interest for university students and recent graduates, especially in medicine, psychology and other cultural or language sciences.

All presentations will be in English.

Two possibilities to participate in the conference are offered:

- participating in-person in the EPF House in Brussels
- participation online

On our website, www.epf-fep.eu, you can find the latest information about possible restrictions by Covid in our house in Brussel. In particular what the maximum number of participants in Brussels will be in September. There will be no maximum for online participation.



**Venue**: The House of the European Psychoanalytical Federation in Brussels, Belgium

**Date**: Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> September - Saturday, 1<sup>th</sup> of October 2022

**Costs:** 30 €

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