



The Darwinian Roots of Attachment Theory
19 March 2021, 13:30-16:30 (GMT)
(Webinar)

Session 1

Chair: Riadh Abed

13:30-14:00 **Understanding child development from an evolutionary perspective.** Annie Swanepoel (UK)



Dr Annie Swanepoel is a Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist and also holds a PhD in Human Physiology. She became interested in Evolutionary Science when she learnt about Attachment Theory. She is currently the Editor of the EPSIG Newsletter and a member of the Tavistock Evopsychotherapy group, on whose paper this talk is based.

14:00-14:10 Q&A

14:10-14:40 **Institutional care is structural neglect and deviates from any 'environment of evolutionary adaptedness'.** Marinus van IJzendoorn (Netherlands)



Professor of Human Development at the Department of Psychology, Education and Child Studies, Erasmus University, Rotterdam; Scientific Consultant of the Leiden-Consortium of Individual Development, and PI of the Generation R cohort study, Erasmus University Medical Centre. Formerly, Honorary Senior Visiting Fellow, Department of Public Health and Primary Care, School of Clinical Medicine, University of Cambridge, UK (2017-2020).

14:40-14:50 Q&A

14:50-15:00 Break

Session 2

Chair: Paul St John-Smith

15:00-15:30 **Adult attachment and life history patterns in people with borderline personality disorder.** Martin Brüne (Germany)



Professor Brüne is Head of the Division of Cognitive Neuropsychiatry and Psychiatric Preventive Medicine at the LWL University-Hospital, Ruhr-University Bochum, Germany.

He has authored more than 300 articles and book chapters. He has also authored the Textbook of Evolutionary Psychiatry and Psychosomatic Medicine: The Origins of Psychopathology (2nd edn. OUP, 2016) and co-edited the "Oxford Handbook of Evolutionary Medicine (together with Wulf Schiefenhövel; OUP, 2019).

15:30-15:40 Q&A

15:40-16:10 **Bowlby, Darwin and group selection — a free energy neuroscience perspective.** Jeremy Holmes (UK)



Formerly Psychiatrist and Psychotherapist at UCL, then in Devon, UK. Was Chair of the Psychotherapy Faculty of the RCPsych 1998-2002 and is currently visiting Professor at the University of Exeter. He is author and editor of several books including *John Bowlby and Attachment Theory* (2013), *Attachment in Therapeutic Practice* (with Arietta Slade, 2017) and *The Brain has a Mind of its Own* (2020). He was recipient of a New York Attachment Consortium Bowlby-Ainsworth Founders Award.

16:10-16:20 Q&A

16:20-16:30 **General Discussion and Close**

Free Tickets and details on how to join this event will be posted on EPSIG website nearer the date

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