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Pier Francesco Galli, *Editorial*

Morris N. Eagle, *Psychoanalysis and free will*

Abstract. This paper is mainly concerned with the conception of free will in Freudian theory and psychoanalytic ego psychology. There are a number of Freuds, not all consistent with each other, on the issue of free will: the Freud who views free will as an illusion, the Freud who identifies as a goal of psychoanalytic treatment the enhancement of the ego's freedom to choose, and the Freud who locates control of motility (action) in the conscious ego. As for an ego psychology perspective, free will lies in the ego's relative autonomy from drives, as well as in the freedom to not will and to relinquish control. In contrast to Freudian theory and ego psychology, the question of free will is not salient in post-Freudian theories, where the greater emphasis is on issues having to do with meeting needs rather than on gratification of wishes. Finally, free will is not only a matter of freedom from inner compulsion, but also of freedom from external coercion.

Patrick Luyten, Peter Fonagy, *Integrating and differentiating personality and psychopathology: A psychodynamic perspective*

Abstract. Several strands of research converge to suggest that personality and psychopathology can be integrated in a hierarchical model of individual differences. The notion that personality and psychopathology are intrinsically linked has a long tradition within the psychodynamic approach. Empirical evidence supporting two related key psychodynamic assumptions on personality and psychopathology is first summarized: (1) a developmental, person-centered approach is needed to complement a static, disorder-centered approach in the conceptualization and treatment of psychopathology; (2) personality and psychopathology are best conceptualized as dynamic attempts at adaptation. Research in each of these areas supports the notion that personality and

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psychopathology are difficult to separate and may be moderated by severity (i.e., general psychopathology) such that increasing levels of severity result in increased intrinsic coupling between the two. These findings are then discussed in the context of a newly emerging social-communicative approach to human development that suggests that personality and psychopathology are better conceptualized in terms of a disorder of social communication, and that the purported rigidity and stability typically attributed to them are largely explained by the stability of the environmental mechanisms that underpin them, rather than by stable intrapersonal traits. The implications of these new views for the future of the science of personality and psychopathology and for treatment are discussed.

Luigi Antonello Armando, *Looking without seeing: An exemplary story*

Abstract. The publication of a selection of the contributions presented at two meetings held at the University of Naples “L’Orientale” in 1996 and in 1999 gives the opportunity to suggest a reading of a period of Italian psychiatry and psychoanalysis. The significance of that period is highlighted, and it is argued that it is exemplar also of current phenomena; their meaning goes beyond these specific disciplines and involves other fields such as religion and politics.

Cesare Romano, *A lecture of Freud on Leonardo da Vinci*

Abstract. Freud’s lecture given on December 1, 1909, at the Vienna Psychoanalytic Society on Leonardo da Vinci is examined. This lecture is a forerunner of his later article *Leonardo da Vinci and a Memory of his Childhood* (Freud, 1910b). An attempt is made to emphasize the inconsistency between Freud’s hypotheses and the historical data by then at his disposal. Avoiding entering Freud’s vulture slip that many scholars have pointed out and Freud never acknowledged, concerns are expressed about Freud’s required documentation in the field of art history and about the method he employed for the portrayal of Leonardo da Vinci’s personality. It seems that Freud willingly avoided historical data choosing almost entirely to rely on applied psychoanalysis widely employing his own phantasies in attempting to overcome the paucity of knowledge on Leonardo da Vinci’s childhood. Freud himself later acknowledged that his 1910 paper was partly a fictional story along the lines of Mereskovskij’s 1895 book on Leonardo. A crucial inconsistency of this lecture, that will not be amended in his paper of 1910, relates to the fact that Freud changed into a phantasy what Leonardo had reported as a childhood memory. Many scholars have taken for granted this shift so that they talked about Leonardo’s “phantasy” or “dream”.

Intervention:

Andrea Angelozzi, *Freud’s pathographies between culture and scientific method. Some notes on the issues raised in Cesare Romano’s paper*

Abstract. The problems posed by Leonardo’s pathographies written by Freud are examined. The historical path of the problem of the relationship between genius and psychopathology is reconstructed, showing that psychoanalysis fits into a very active vein at the end of the 19th century, expressing different theoretical approaches with which Freud relates. The interest for the problem then continued, with alternate answers, until the current days. The distortions made by Freud in Leonardo’s pathographical description are examined; these distortions are extensively examined by several authors, which, however, is not distant from what Freud implements in his other works, nor from what other pathographers of the time did. It is a common behavior in the history of science and well known in modern epistemology that identifies in the development of theories also the importance of rhetorical tools with which scientists support them. It is emphasized that one cannot read particular psychological aspects in these Freudian behaviors, making in fact a pathography of the author of pathographies, but only lead his work to the coherence of the historical contexts in which he operates.

Traces

Pier Francesco Galli, *Minor therapeutic work*

Abstract. Two brief texts by Pier Francesco Galli are reprinted: the first one, entitled “Pasta and potatoes”, is the first contribution to a column entitled *Minuzzaglie* (“Bits and pieces”, or “Trifles”) in issue no. 1/2022 of the journal *Psicoanalisi e dintorni* (“Psychoanalysis and its surroundings”), which is the Bulletin of the *Organizzazione di Psicoanalisti Italiani. Federazione e Registro* (OPIFeR) (“Organization of Italian Psychoanalysts. Federation and Roster”); the second one is the presentation of that column. These two brief writings want to express the project of the column *Minuzzaglie*, which aims at collecting the many clinical experiences and anecdotes, even the minor ones, that characterize the daily practice of psychotherapy with all its difficulties and the expedients devised to overcome them.

Book Reviews

Book Review Essays

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Andrea Huppke, *Psychoanalysis Globally Networked. The Origins of the International Federation of Psychoanalytic Societies*. Preface by Marco Conci, Christer Sjödin & Grigoris Maniadakis. London: Karnac, 2024 (original edition: *Global vernetzte Psychoanalyse. Die International Federation of Psychoanalytic Societies [IFPS] zwischen 1960 und 1980*. Zwiefalten, D: Verlag Psychiatrie und Geschichte, 2021) (Paolo Migone)

Lina Normandin, Karine Ensink, Alan Weiner & Otto F. Kernberg, *Adolescenti con gravi disturbi di personalità. La psicoterapia focalizzata sul transfert*. Milan: Raffaello Cortina, 2022 (original edition: *Transference-focused Psychotherapy for Adolescents with Severe Personality Disorders*. Washington, D.C.: American Psychiatric Publishing, 2021) (Euro Pozzi)

Ivan Ambrosiano & Ilaria Locati (editors), *Le psicoterapie di gruppo online. Teorie, tecniche, esperienze*. [Online Group Psychotherapies. Theories, Techniques, Experiences] Milan: Raffaello Cortina, 2023 (Giuliana Nico)

Paul Robinson, Finn Skårderud & Bente Sommerfeldt, *Fame. Trattare i disturbi alimentari con la mentalizzazione*. Preface by Peter Fonagy. Rome: Astrolabio, 2022 (original edition: *Hunger. Mentalization-based Treatments for Eating Disorders*. Cham, CH: Springer, 2019) (Francesca Tondi)

Paolo Francesco Peloso, *Franco Basaglia, un profilo. Dalla critica dell’istituzione psichiatrica alla critica alla società*. [F. Basaglia, a Profile. From the Critique to Psychiatric Institutions to the Critique of Society] Preface by Paola Valeria Babini. Rome: Carocci, 2023 (Pietro Pellegrini)

Mike Jay, *Mescalina. Storia globale della prima sostanza psichedelica*. Milan: UTET, 2023 (original edition: *Mescaline: A Global History of the First Psychedelic*. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 2019) (Silvia Marchesini)

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Francesca Tondi, *Comment on The International Journal of Psychoanalysis*

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Robert R. Holt, *A personal introduction to the book Freud Reappraised. A Fresh Look at Psychoanalytic Theory (1989)*

Abstract. On the occasion of the death of Robert R. Holt (1917-2024), the Italian edition of the “personal introduction” to his book *Freud Reappraised. A Fresh Look at Psychoanalytic Theory* (New York: Guilford, 1989) is reprinted. In this introduction, Holt retraces the main aspects of his life as a scholar and theoretical researcher. Holt’s teachers and mentors included, among others, Gordon Allport, Henry A. Murray, and David Rapaport, and we can say that he has been an important witness of the history of psychology and psychoanalysis of the 20th century in North America. Holt was member of the editorial board of the journal *Psicoterapia e Scienze Umane* (“Psychotherapy and the Human Sciences”), in which he published various contributions, and came several times to hold seminars in Italy.

Jeremy Clarke, *A New Deal for dynamic psychotherapies: The psychoanalyst as a street-level bureaucrat*

Abstract. In the UK in 2007 a national experiment was initiated with the aim of tackling “Britain’s biggest social problem”: depression. *Improving Access to Psychological Therapies* (IAPT) was devised as the solution. A universal free-to-access talking therapies program would make available evidence-based treatment to all patients with depression and anxiety disorders. NICE (*National Institute for Health and Care Excellence*), the body that decides on what is cost-effective, said cognitive-behavior therapy (CBT), not medication, should be its first line offer. The starting gun was fired. The promise from IAPT was 3-fold: to scale up access to CBT rapidly; to achieve recovery targets that would reduce the prevalence of depression and anxiety disorders over time; and – most ambitious of all – to ensure the Treasury would see a return on its investment by reducing the economic burden from depression. People who were on invalidity benefits due to depression would be supported back into employment. It was a New Deal for depression, as well as for CBT. But did it work? A decade and a half on with IAPT, are we in any position to give an answer? It is attempted to draw lessons about “what worked”, and what didn’t, to ask *ourselves* a question: are *we* – those of us in the applied psychoanalytic community – willing to garner what can be learned from IAPT to advocate a New Deal for evidence-based psychoanalysis? Faced with challenges from unemployment and widening inequalities, against a backdrop where global economic recovery must heed the existential threats from climate change and warfare, to say nothing of the scale of loss and grief for those already impacted by bereavement due to the pandemic, the need for such deal could not be more urgent.

Francesco Bottaccioli & Anna Giulia Bottaccioli, *Franz Alexander, a contemporary scientist: A new paradigm for psychology and medicine*

Abstract. Sixty years ago, on March 8, 1964, Franz Alexander, the founder of “psychosomatic medicine”, ended his life. Alexander was a psychoanalytic physician who worked to improve the technique of psychoanalytic treatment and who had the ability, based on his vast interdisciplinary culture, to go beyond the Freudian revolution by envisaging an epochal breakthrough in the ability to take care of the human being. The novelty and originality of the paradigm proposed by Alexander, considered to be highly relevant in both scientific and clinical terms, are reconstructed. The criticisms and misrepresentations of Alexander’s elaboration are also reviewed; they have come over time in both the psychoanalytic and psychosomatic fields, leading to his expulsion from contemporary reflection. The dismissal of Alexander’s perspective also explains the progressive decline of psychosomatics in recent decades.

Interventions:

Mauro Fornaro, *Psychosomatics: A case of the Phoenix. Side notes on the paper by F. Bottaccioli & A.G. Bottaccioli “Franz Alexander, a contemporary scientist: A new paradigm for psychology and medicine”*

Abstract. Sixty years after the death of Franz Alexander, it is necessary to investigate what is alive and what is dead in his thought about psychosomatics, focusing in particular on the notions of emotion and vegetative neurosis as central to his model of explanation. It is then worth noting, in the light of the developments after Alexander, the today’s difficulty in supporting psychosomatics as an autonomous discipline, to the point of questioning the legitimacy of the expression itself: Bottaccioli & Bottaccioli’s (2024a) proposal to identify it with Psycho-Neuro-Endocrine-Immunology (PNEI) must be measured in this problematic context. In any case, the always valid need remains, already supported by Alexander, for a unitary, “holistic” consideration of the human being, sick and healthy. However, this is a paradigm that has to be justified and clarified conceptually in the actual role it plays as an inspirer of research and specific explanations.

Piero Porcelli, *Comment on the paper by F. Bottaccioli & A.G. Bottaccioli “Franz Alexander, a contemporary scientist: A new paradigm for psychology and medicine”*

Abstract. This comment on Bottaccioli & Bottaccioli’s (2024a) article critically analyzes Franz Alexander’s role in developing contemporary psychosomatics in both its innovative aspects and limitations. On the one hand, Alexander contributed to emancipating the explanation of physical symptoms from the classical approach of the early 20th century stiffened on the model of hysterical conversion and promoted the organization of the international psychosomatic movement, including the Italian one. On the other hand, his limitations mainly concern the theoretical approach typical of 20th century psychoanalysis: adopting a one-dimensional model centered on intrapsychic conflict and the indeterminacy – necessary for the time – of a biological “X” factor as mediator. Instead, in the second half of the 20th century, a deficit-centered model of explanation (e.g., alexithymia) and complexity (e.g., biopsychosocial model) emerged, in which various moderating biomedical, psychological, and socio-cultural factors assume different relative weights in the explanation of physical illnesses and the clinical management of patients.

Francesco Bottaccioli & Anna Giulia Bottaccioli, *Rebuttal to the interventions by Mauro Fornaro and Piero Porcelli*

Abstract. We argue that in Piero Porcelli’s (2024) commentary there is a representation of Franz Alexander’s theorization that is not reflected in his works. Alexander does not identify intrapsychic conflict as an independent variable from which illness arises. Thus, it is incorrect to state that, for Alexander, psychosomatics is about certain diseases and not a method. In fact,

Alexander proposes exactly one method of investigating psychic suffering that involves examining the organism as a whole, carried out by a team that includes expertise from internal medicine and psychiatry. We agree with Mauro Fornaro's (2024) analysis of the post-Alexander dynamics that led to the crisis of psychosomatics and the need to return to reasoning in terms of paradigm, centered not on mind-body relations but on the organism, in its psychic and biological dimensions, of which contemporary research, based on PsychoNeuroEndocrineImmunology (PNEI), effectively illustrates the reciprocal influences. PNEI represents an advancement of the paradigm presented by Alexander.

Marco Conci, *Paul Parin's Collected Works in 19 volumes*

Abstract. The Viennese historian Johannes Reichmayr has edited the Collected Works of the psychoanalyst Paul Parin (1916-2009) in 19 volumes, published by the Viennese publisher Mandelbaum from 2018 to 2024. A pioneer of ethnopsychanalysis, Parin has lived psychoanalysis as a form of social critique and political action, whose gradual and systematic articulation comes out very clearly from his Collected Works. Parin's works are reconstructed in great detail in the context of his life, of the Zurich Psychoanalytic Seminar (PSZ) founded by him, and of his close collaboration with the journal *Psicoterapia e Scienze Umane*. The same is true for his successful literary activity, and for his participation in political life, documented as they are by a whole series of autobiographical papers and by various collections of letters, as it is shown also in the light of volumes 9 and 10, the latter being centered around "The burning problems of our times".

Traces

Paolo Migone, *A case of hysterical paralysis of the legs treated with hypnosis*

Abstract. A clinical experience from about forty-five years ago is recounted in which a patient suffering from hysterical paralysis of the legs was treated with a brief suggestive intervention which allowed him to regain the use of his lower limbs. The therapist had no experience of hypnosis, and the intervention, which lasted about twenty minutes, was improvised, employing various suggestive techniques and also including attempts to interpret unconscious conflicts.

Book Reviews

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Morris N. Eagle, *Verso una teoria psicoanalitica unificata fondata su una Psicologia dell'Io riveduta e ampliata*. Edited by Paolo Migone. Milan: Raffaello Cortina, 2023 (original edition: *Toward a Unified Psychoanalytic Theory: Foundation in a Revised and Expanded Ego Psychology*. London: Routledge, 2021) (Saverio Ruberti)

Franco Giberti & Romolo Rossi, *Manuale di psichiatria. Per studenti, medici, psicologi, tecnici della riabilitazione psichiatrica e psicosociale, educatori, assistenti sociali, infermieri e altri operatori sanitari*. [Handbook of Psychiatry. For Students, Physicians, Psychologists, Psychiatric and Psychosocial Rehabilitation Technicians, Educators, Social Workers, Nurses, and Other Healthcare Workers] Seventh Edition (First Edition: 1972). Edited by Maurizio Marcenaro. Padua: Piccin, 2024 (Andrea Castiello d'Antonio)

Antonello Colli, *Il desiderio di essere capiti. Rotture, mentalizzazione, intersoggettività*. [The Wish to Be Understood. Ruptures, Mentalization, Intersubjectivity] Milan: Raffaello Cortina, 2024 (Francesca Tondi)

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Developmental Psychology, 2024, Volume 60, no. 3 (Paolo Migone)

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Marianna Bolko & Paolo Migone, *Editorial: Pier Francesco Galli (1931-2024)*

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Pier Francesco Galli, *An interview* (2001)

Abstract. On the occasion of the death of Pier Francesco Galli (November 9, 1931 - July 13, 2024), who among other things founded in 1967 the journal *Psicoterapia e Scienze Umane* (“Psychotherapy and the Human Sciences”), an interview that the director Francesco Merini did with him in preparation for the movie *I settant'anni di un maestro* (“The seventy years of a master”: <https://vimeo.com/308667961>) is republished. This movie was a gift given to Pier Francesco Galli on November 9, 2001, for his seventieth birthday. The interview retraces Galli's biography, intertwining his professional life with more intimate and human aspects, memories, and anecdotes, characterized by the typical humor that belonged to him. Galli mentions his childhood and early youth years in Nocera Inferiore (Salerno, Italy) where he was born, the beginning of his professional life in Milan, his experiences in Switzerland, the relationship with his closest friends, his cultural and professional interests, the way he conceived psychoanalysis, etc.

Some publications of Pier Francesco Galli, in chronological order

[full text: www.francoangeli.it/rivista/getArticoloFree/76297/It]

Anne Erreich, *The competent infant: Infant mentation is neither primitive nor prerepresentational*

Abstract. Some theories which locate serious adult psychopathology in the pre-verbal infant's inability to formulate or represent traumatic experience are mentioned, in particular those of Howard B. Levine and Donnel B. Stern. The clinical and academic research findings are considered highly relevant to psychoanalytic theorizing, and it is argued that a view of the infant with “primordial” and “unrepresented” states of mind has little evidence to support it. In fact, research findings point to an opposite view: that of the “competent infant”, one with highly accurate perceptual discrimination capacities and an innate ability to register and represent subjective experience in both procedural and declarative memory, even prenatally. Given the infant's competencies, it seems implausible to hold that representational deficits are at the heart of serious adult psychopathology, which is instead seen to be the result of defensive maneuvers against unknowable and unspeakable truth rather than the absence of a pre-verbal representational capacity. Current research findings pose a significant challenge for psychoanalytic theories which espouse so-called “primitive mental states”, non-conscious” states, or “unrepresented”, “unsymbolized”, “unformulated” experience.

Adele Abella, *The analyst and his relationship with theory: An encounter between whales and polar bears*

Abstract. Two interconnected questions are discussed. The first question concerns the way in which each psychoanalyst constructs his or her own theoretical model, and it is suggested the idea that this construction is made of three elements: the theoretical heritage received; one's own personality and history, both personal and psychoanalytic; the socio-cultural atmosphere, i.e., the fabric of sensitivities, beliefs, aspirations and concerns specific to the geographical area and historical period. The outcome is a very personal theoretical edifice, often heterogeneous, largely unconscious and imbued with affects. The second question is the following: what happens when analysts with different theoretical backgrounds meet? A detailed clinical case shows the tension between official theories and private theories among analyst as well as the irremediable presence of some degree of lack of communication as an anthropological invariant.

Traces

Pier Francesco Galli, *Minor anecdotal in Italian psychiatry*

Abstract. Some memories of a summer vacation in Aosta Valley, Italy, in August 1952 are recalled, in which, among other things, references are made to certain aspects of the history of academic psychiatry in Milan of the 1950s and 1960s.

Book Reviews

Book Review Essay [full text: www.francoangeli.it/rivista/getArticoloFree/76301/It]

Daniele Giglioli, *Senza trauma: scrittura dell'estremo e narrativa del nuovo millennio*. [Without Trauma: Writing of the Extreme and Narrative of the New Millennium]. New and Expanded Edition (First Edition: 2011). Macerata: Quodlibet, 2022; Daniele Giglioli, *Critica della vittima*. [Critique of the Victim]. Milan: Nottetempo, 2014 (Euro Pozzi)

Book Reviews [full text: www.francoangeli.it/rivista/getArticoloFree/76302/It]

Mark Solms (editor), *The Revised Standard Edition of the Complete Psychological Works of Sigmund Freud*. Translated from the German under the general editorship of James Strachey, in collaboration with Anna Freud assisted by Alix Strachey and Alan Tyson. Editor of the *Revised Standard Edition* Mark Solms in collaboration with Ilse Grubrich-Simitis assisted by Riccardo Steiner. Lanham, MD, & London: Rowman & Littlefield & The Institute of Psychoanalysis, 2024, 24 volumes. Volume XXIV: *Translation Notes, Bibliographies and Indexes* (Davide Cavagna)

Walter Benjamin, *Il compito del traduttore* [1921-23]. [The Task of the Translator] Introduction, Interlinear Comment, editing and translation by Maria Teresa Costa (First Italian translation: *Angelus Novus*. Introduction and translation by Renato Solmi. Turin: Einaudi, 1962). Sesto San Giovanni (Milan): Mimesis, 2023 (Mario Mattioda)

Francesco Marchioro (editor), *Sigmund Freud. Gli aforismi. Tutti i concetti fondamentali*. [Sigmund Freud's Aphorisms. All the Fundamental Concepts] Introduction and translation by Francesco Marchioro. Turin: Bollati Boringhieri, 2021 (Andrea Castiello d'Antonio)

Simone Rossi & Domenico Prattichizzo, *Il corpo artificiale. Neuroscienze e robot da indossare*. [The Artificial Body. Neuroscience and Wearable Robots] Milan: Raffaello Cortina, 2023 (Silvia Marchesini)

Gabor Maté, with Daniel Maté, *Il mito della normalità. Trauma, malattia e guarigione in una cultura tossica*. Rome: Astrolabio, 2023 (original edition: *The Mith of Normal. Trauma, Illness & Healing in a Toxic Culture*. New York: Avery, 2022) (Andrea Castiello d'Antonio)

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Mauro Fornaro, *Comment on the Revue Française de Psychanalyse*

Journal of Marital and Family Therapy, 2024, Volume 50, no. 2 (Paolo Migone)

The Journal of Psychology: Interdisciplinary and Applied, 2024, Year 90, Volume 158, no. 1 (Paolo Migone)

The Journal of General Psychology, 2024, Year 97, Volume 151, no. 2 (Paolo Migone)

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Marianna Bolko, Dante Comelli, Irene Galli, Alberto Merini, Francesco Merini, Paolo Migone, Giulio Sapelli, *A remembrance of Pier Francesco Galli at the Modernissimo Theater of Bologna on November 9, 2024*

[full text: www.francoangeli.it/rivista/getArticoloFree/76643/It]

Abstract. On November 9, 2024, the day Pier Francesco Galli would have turned 93, at the movie theater *Modernissimo* of the *Cineteca* of the Municipality of Bologna, Italy, in the presence of more than 200 people from various parts of Italy, Francesco Merini’s film *I settant’anni di un maestro* [“The Seventy Years of a Master”] (<https://vimeo.com/308667961>) was shown; this movie was given to Galli on November 9, 2001, as a present for his 70th birthday. Before showing the movie, some brief interventions were made, namely by his daughter Irene Galli, Paolo Migone (co-editor of the journal *Psicoterapia e Scienze Umane*), Dante Comelli (Secretary of the “Cultural Association *Psicoterapia e Scienze Umane*”), Alberto Merini (President of the “Cultural Association *Psicoterapia e Scienze Umane*”), Marianna Bolko (co-editor of *Psicoterapia e Scienze Umane*, and widow of Pier Francesco Galli), and Francesco Merini (director of the film). At the end of the movie, Giulio Sapelli (Professor Emeritus of Economic and Political History at the University of Milan) intervened; he was tied to Galli by a close friendship. These seven interventions are published. Pier Francesco Galli in 1967 founded the quarterly journal *Psicoterapia e Scienze Umane* [Psychotherapy and the Human Sciences].

Morris N. Eagle, *The two Freuds: Implications for the nature of the mind*

Abstract. This paper is mainly an introduction to a new book in preparation, entitled *Psychoanalytic Perspectives on Human Nature: Critique, Research, and Clinical Implications*, in which it is proposed that different psychoanalytic theories or “schools” essentially entail different theories of human nature. This paper is concerned primarily with Freudian theory of human nature. It is argued that there are two Freuds with regard to conceptualizations of the function of consciousness, the nature of unconscious mental states and processes, the relation between the two, and the nature of the relation between the id and the ego. The paper also discusses the “standard” view of psychoanalysis and the Freud hiding in plain sight. Some clinical implications of the formulations of the two Freuds are also discussed.

Stefano Fissi, *The comparison between models in theories of consciousness and psychoanalysis with particular regard to predictive processing*

Abstract. Cognitive neuroscience and depth psychology confront each other on the models of perception-consciousness-thought. There is a parallelism between the relationship between access/phenomenal consciousness and the repressed/unrepressed unconscious. In order to survive, organisms must minimize the impact of environmental variations on homeostatic parameters, i.e., the surprise given by the deviation

of unexpected events from those compatible with life. Friston theorized the principle of free energy, which places an upper limit on surprise, as opposed to the tendency to increase entropy. The brain is a predictive machine that anticipates change and constructs reality by interpreting perceptual data based on unconscious inferences to the best possible explanation based on data in memory and testing predictions on sensory data. Consciousness arises from the detection of homeostatic imbalances and from the adaptive response given by affective feelings.

Interventions:

Giorgio Meneguz, *The free energy of consciousness. Notes on the article by Stefano Fissi*

Abstract. Stimulated by the challenging and accurate article by Stefano Fissi (2024), who draws on the latest works by Anil Seth and Mark Solms to address much-discussed topics in the current phase of the debate on the possibility of a mutual validation between cognitive neuroscience and psychoanalysis, some fundamental themes are discussed, indicating epistemological problems and understandable argumentative weaknesses.

Ugo Morelli, *Beyond mechanism and cognitivism: Relationship and experience. Or the anxiety of the first cause. Notes on the article by Stefano Fissi*

Abstract. A difficult dimension to accept is the self-founding one, for us humans who tend to constantly give ourselves over to the search for a first cause and end up finding it. Yet what distinguishes us and distinguishes our life is precisely knowledge understood as a permanent production of worlds through the very process of living. An epistemological orientation based on a body paradigm and that pays attention to relationship and experience can contribute to the understanding of the “hard problem” of consciousness and of the relationship between affective and cognitive neuroscience, on one hand, and psychotherapy and psychoanalysis, on the other.

Traces

Luciano Mecacci, *Paolo Rossi, historian of philosophy, and his interests in psychology and psychoanalysis*

Abstract. Paolo Rossi (1923-2012) was one of the most well-known historians of science at the international level, in particular for his works on Scientific Revolution, on Bacon and on Galileo. He also had a strong interest in the history of psychology, in the development of experimental research on memory and in the epistemological problems of psychoanalysis. In general, he was also a critical analyst of the relationships between culture and politics in the twentieth century.

Discussions

Pietro Pellegrini, *Reassessing Franco Basaglia's experience in the Psychiatric Hospital of Colorno (Parma, Italy)*

Abstract. Franco Basaglia's experience at the Psychiatric Hospital of Colorno (Parma, Italy) lasted less than a year, from October 1970 to September 1971, and took place between the period of Gorizia and that of Trieste. His opinion on the Parma experience was varied and generally negative. The analysis of the documents and recent testimonies of those who worked with Basaglia in Colorno, such as the psychiatrist Luciano Carrino, allow us to say that “the whole psychiatric revolution was carried out in Parma, not in Trieste”. The method of emptying the mental hospital from the inside through discharges to apartments and farms, the involvement of patients, communities and, when possible, families indicate the path through which the closing of the asylums can be achieved. A great composite liberation movement was created made up of mental health professionals, patients, citizens, students, industrial executives, and clergies. A method based on humanity and ethics, that does not tolerate indifference and injustice towards other people, came to light. In Colorno, Basaglia's disillusionment with politics and the end of his expectations of achieving an academic career also become evident. At the same time, a position against all kinds of total institutions emerged; this position went beyond mental hospitals, and included orphanages, facilities for the disabled and the elderly, and even prisoners. Franco Basaglia and Mario Tommasini, a politician who was very close to Basaglia in Parma, shared this political position on power and society.

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