

# Weaving the therapeutic fabric:

integration of psychodynamic psychotherapy with  
contemporary therapeutic approaches for treatment of trauma

23-25 October 2025 | Perth, WA

## Faculty of Psychotherapy 2025 Conference Program

Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2025		
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch and registration	
13:00 – 15:00	Psychotherapy Written Case for supervisors <b>A/Prof Loyola Mclean and A/Prof Davinder Hans</b>	Psychotherapy Written Case for trainees <b>Dr John Robertson</b>
15:00 – 15:30	Afternoon tea	
15:30 – 17:00	Psychotherapy Written Case for supervisors <b>A/Prof Loyola Mclean and A/Prof Davinder Hans</b>	Psychotherapy Written Case for trainees <b>Dr John Robertson</b>
17:00 – 19:00	Welcome reception	

Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2025		
08:00 – 09:00	Registration	
09:00 – 09:15	Conference opening and Welcome to Country <b>Dr Tanya Devadason</b>	
Session 1 Keynote presentation		Session Chair: Dr Tanya Devadason
09:15 – 10:30	Weaving and following the layered threads together: Integrating bodymind experience in a relational neuroscience and both-ways conversation on growth, trauma and restor(y)ation <b>A/Professor Loyola Mclean</b>	
10:30 – 11:00	Morning tea	
Session 2 Invited presentations		Session Chair: Dr Tanya Devadason
11:00 – 11:45	Refugee trauma is more than post-traumatic stress disorder <b>Dr Susan Lutton</b>	
11:45 – 12:30	Invited presentation <b>Dr Karen Williams</b>	
12:30 – 13:00	Q&A panel	
13:00 -14:00	Lunch	
Session 3 free papers		
	<b>Session 3a</b> <b>Session chair: Dr Elizabeth Desovska</b>	<b>Session 3b</b> <b>Session chair: Dr Nadine Caunt</b>
14:00 – 14:30	Grieving and healing: Impact of patient suicide on psychiatrists using psychodynamic, existential and moral perspectives <b>Dr Mojdeh Bassiri</b>	Navigating the edge: Balancing safety, family inclusion, and emotional pain in adolescent suicide risk management <b>Dr Giulia Pace</b>
14:30 – 15:00	Mind as the key thread: Weaving the therapeutic fabric <b>Dr Robin Chester</b>	Lacan and trauma <b>Dr David Westcombe</b>
15:00 – 15:30	Addiction Goodbye Letter Therapy (AGLT)- Journey to acceptance <b>Associate Professor Wole Akosile</b>	Pathological dissociation symptoms and coping strategies in adolescents attending Touchstone CAMHS: A qualitative study <b>Dr Bronwyn Milkins &amp; Dr Giulia Pace</b>
15:30 – 16:00	Afternoon tea	

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Session 4 Invited presentations (virtual)		Session Chair: Dr Tanya Devadason
16:00 – 17:15	Deep brain reorienting, the healing of trauma and the concept of the unconscious (virtual presentation) <b>Dr Frank Corrigan</b>	
19:00 – 22:00	Optional cocktail function	

## Saturday 25th October 2025

08:30 – 09:00	Registration	
Session 5 Keynote presentation		Session Chair: Dr Tanya Devadason
09:00 – 10:15	Cultural safety, trust and psychotherapy Professor Helen Milroy	
10:15 – 10:45	Morning tea	
Session 6 free papers		
Session 6a Session chair: Sara Temelkovski		Session 6b Session chair: Giulia Pace
10:45 – 11:15	Strength through treatment - Healing for PTSD Dr Mathew Samuel	Safety and stabilisation as prerequisite for Trauma Informed Psychodynamic Psychotherapy Associate Professor Andrew Leggett
11:15 – 11:45	Eye Movement Desensitisation and Reprocessing (EMDR) trauma therapy in the acute inpatient setting: A pilot study Dr Francesca Turner	Effectiveness of a CBT-Insomnia group intervention in a mental health inpatient setting Dr Madhavan Seshadri
11:45 – 12:15	Psychiatrists’ experience with contemporary trauma focused psychotherapy techniques Dr Elizabeth Desovska	Psychodynamic model and intervention for de-escalation of suicidal patients with BPD in the ED Dr Shanthi Saha
12:15 – 13:15	Lunch	
Session 7 Invited presentations		Session Chair: Eli Desovska
13:15 – 14:00	Threat, danger and PTSD: A timeline from a body psychotherapy perspective Dr Andy Harkin	
14:00 – 14:45	Journeying inwards towards profound healing: Integration of psychedelic-assisted psychotherapy with psychodynamic psychotherapy Dr Annette Mackereth	
14:45 – 15:15	Afternoon tea	
15:15 – 15:45	Q&A panel	
Session 8 Free paper		Session Chair: Dr Tanya Devadason
15:45 – 16:15	55 years of psychotherapy Associate Professor Carolyn Quadrio	
16:15 – 16:30	Closing remarks	