

feedback from Jaak Panksepp during the current process of delineating and delimiting the research line.

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The Sweden neuropsychanalytic groups

For several years we have not been writing regular reports from Sweden, not because activities have stopped, but because we have become so diversified and populated. It has become impossible for anyone to keep up with everything in the many groups that eventually branched off from the first one, which started in 1997: the Body–Mind group of the Swedish Psychoanalytic Society. Magnus Kihlbom was the initiator and Iréne Matthis was the seminar leader.

Just to mention some activities during the last two years. In January 2013, Mark Solms gave a lecture to the Society in Stockholm. All of the main newspapers had a one or two page spread covering his ideas and the subject of neuropsychanalysis. In May 2014, Maggie Zellner gave a well-attended public lecture in Stockholm. Moreover, some days before that, she and Iréne Matthis had been lecturing one full day each on different aspects of neuropsychanalysis at the University in Helsinki, Finland.

On May 8, 2013, the formal Swedish Association for Neuropsychanalysis was founded. Kajsa M. Nordström was chosen president and Iréne Matthis gave the opening lecture (Homepage: <http://neuropsychanalysis.se>; email: neuropsychanalysis@gmail.com). In November 2014, the association arranged a lecture by Marianne Sonnby-Borgström on “Affects and affective communication via facial mimics,” on which she published an article in *Neuropsychanalysis* in 2008.

Turkish Neuropsychanalysis Study Group

Here is the neuropsychanalytical harvest of 2014 reported from Turkey:

- (1) In order to facilitate the availability of the Istanbul Npsa Seminars by specialists from other cities, a Youtube page named “Npsa Türkiye” was initiated. The first loadings were from the symposium “Neuropsychanalysis of

During 2013–2014, Iréne Matthis has been lecturing frequently on different perspectives related to neuropsychanalysis, in many cities in Sweden as well as in Finland and Italy. She has also published several articles in Scandinavian magazines. During 2014, she gave weekly seminars in the Swedish Psychoanalytic Society based on Mark Solms’ 2013 article in *Neuropsychanalysis* entitled “The Conscious Id.”

For many decades now, professional seminar groups have been studying body–mind issues in several cities around Sweden. We have had many national and international conferences during the years, some with colleagues from the Fundación Luis Chiozza in Buenos Aires and the Psychosomatic Research Group in Perugia, Italy. Presently, the Gothenburg Psychoanalytic Psychosomatic group (PAPS) is the most active group; they organized a well-attended four-day seminar in Nerja, Spain, in 2014. Iréne Matthis has led the seminars on the theme: “Psychosomatics: Body–Brain–Psyche,” based on texts by Luis Chiozza (Buenos Aires), André Green (Paris), and Mark Solms (Cape Town).

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- Id: Conscious Id” which took place in Istanbul in 2012, where Prof. Mark Solms, Prof. Jaak Panksepp, and Prof. Brian Johnson had given unforgettable speeches (www.youtube.com/channel/UChcbbq-wVgZssE-9QihB1DQ or see www.npsa-istanbul.com).
- (2) In January, Prof. Güler Fişek from the Turkish Npsa Study Group and her Ph.D. students

- from the Clinical Psychology Department of Boğaziçi University prepared a special issue in the psychocultural analysis journal *Suret*. For this special issue, which was dedicated to “Relational Psychoanalysis,” Prof. Fişek wrote a chapter titled “The evolving psychoanalysis: Relational perspectives” where she discussed the neuropsychanalytical findings underlying dyadic interactions as well. The other chapters also highlighted the neuropsychanalytic findings supporting relational psychoanalysis (Fişek, 2014).
- (3) On 1st April, Prof. Barış Korkmaz from our group was invited as a guest speaker at the symposium “Coherence of developmental stages and developmental phenomenology and neuroscience framework,” held in Antwerp, Belgium. The symposium was based on the topics included in the recently published book *Children’s social relatedness: An embodied brain function. A clinical view of typical development and disorders* (Korkmaz, Njio-kiktjien, & Verschoor, 2013). Prof. Korkmaz gave two talks: “The development of theory of mind” and “Early signs and symptoms of autism in relation to the development of mentalizing capacity.” The first focused on how early attachment based on dyadic interactions has biologically innate principles and how the mother–child bond becomes the pillar of social relations and contributes to a differentiated language development and the capacity for mentalization. The second proposed that many early symptoms of autism are associated with abnormal development of precursors of theory of mind (ToM), whose recognition may enable early interventions.
 - (4) On April 10, Prof. Oliver Turnbull from the International Neuropsychanalysis Society was invited as our guest speaker at the Istanbul Npsa Seminars, organized by the Turkish Neuropsychanalysis Study Group, Çınar Psychotherapy Center and Istanbul Bilgi University Clinical Psychology Department. The seminar entitled “The neuropsychanalysis of body maps and erogeneous zones” sparked a high degree of interest, with attendance by 50 specialists and students from different disciplines. The questions/comments of the clinicians focused more on the variances of subjective meanings given to the body parts and how the stimulation of an erogeneous zone can cause varying reactions depending on the subjective meanings encoded for that specific zone.
 - (5) On May 4, Gökçe Özkarar Gradwohl from our group was invited as a speaker at the 11th International Cognitive Neuroscience Meeting, held in Üsküdar University in Istanbul (www.cognitivexi.com). Her talk titled “The influence of culture on affective neuroscience personality scale findings” attracted the interest of the audience with questions mostly focusing on the comparison of findings from collectivistic and individualistic findings and how these findings can be implemented in clinical practice.
 - (6) On May 24–25, Assoc. Prof. Gamze Özçürümez and Clinical Psychologist Ferhat Jak İçöz from our group were the guest speakers at “Zihin Sempozyumu (Mind Symposium),” held in TED University in Ankara. Prof. Özçürümez gave a talk titled “Drive: The border where the body and mind meets,” and İçöz’s talk was entitled “Objectivity and subjectivity: The existence of human in the light of philosophy, psychoanalysis and neurosciences.” The symposium organized by the *Journal of Düşünbil* was attended with high interest by approximately 300 students and specialists.
 - (7) In July, our panel which was dedicated to “Clinical and cultural implementation of affective neuroscience personality scales (ANPS)” submitted by our group and our Japanese colleague Keiichi Narita was accepted by the 15th International Neuropsychanalysis Congress held in New York. Research from two clinical psychologists from our group, Gökçe Özkarar-Gradwohl and Ferhat Jak İçöz, was presented about “Cross-cultural prospects for personality researches: The relation of interdependent and independent self-construals to ANP traits and Big Five personality traits” and “Affective colors of attachment and awareness: The relationship of ANP subscales with adult attachment styles and mindful awareness,” respectively, while Dr Narita presented his research “On narcissism: A re-introduction from the perspective of ANPS.” This panel drew attention to the clinical usage of ANPS in different cultural settings.
 - (8) In August, Psychiatrist Saffet Murat Tura, one of the collaborators of the Turkish Npsa Study Group and his colleagues, prepared a special chapter in *Suret*, whose 5th volume was titled “psychoanalysis, neurosciences, philosophy.” Their special chapter was dedicated to the question “Is a dialogue possible between

- psychoanalysis, neurosciences and philosophy?” and it presented a discussion about how the functions of the brain can be studied by utilizing philosophy and psychoanalysis, in order to avoid materialistic (organic) reductionism (Tura, Somay, Gürvit, & Öğütçen, 2014).
- (9) Starting from September, Prof. Barış Korkmaz, the neurologist member of our group, started to use the Turkish translation of *the Brain and the Inner World* (Solms & Turnbull, 2013) as the complementary textbook in his course “Developmental neuroscience,” that is given to the students of Clinical Psychology Graduate Program at Istanbul Bilgi University. This is the first time that this introductory neuropsychology book was used as a textbook in a graduate program in Turkey.
- (10) In December, Prof. Barış Korkmaz gave a talk on the “Neuropsychology of Attachment” at Istanbul Bilgi University. A large group of experts, graduate students, and academic staff were present to follow his talk, which was on the neurobiology of attachment, with references to Panksepp’s subcortical affective systems and recent neuroimaging findings. He aimed to integrate a classical psychoanalytical approach and modern neurosciences, with an emphasis on affective neuroscience and classical attachment theory.
- (11) In December, the “Circle of Affective Neuroscience-CAN” (our research subgroup supervised by Prof. Jaak Panksepp), published its research named “The influence of culture on basic affective systems: The comparison of Turkish and American norms on the affective neuroscience personality scales” (Özkarar-Gradwohl et al., 2014). The article summarizes the findings of the Turkish standardization study of ANPS and compares the Turkish findings with the American findings with a

cross-cultural perspective considering the variables of collectivism and individualism. It also discusses how the cross-cultural ANPS findings – displaying both similarities and differences – can be implemented in the cultural modifications of standard clinical practices. From CAN, Dr Hanna Nita Scherler and Prof. Falih Köksal have already started supervising their graduate students in clinical psychology, who use the Turkish form of ANPS in conjunction with other psychometric scales, for their master theses that are investigating various clinical topics.

We will keep informing you about our upcoming activities and news...

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