

Illusion, Reconstruction and Après-coup.

In this panel the authors plan to discuss how illusions can serve as creative solutions to keep alive important traces from childhood, without revealing the entire, intrapsychic truth to the patient. Two clinical cases will illustrate this role of illusions: one from the psychoanalysis with an adult patient and one from a child analytic case with an après-coup in the ongoing analytic work in adolescence. In the adult case, the analysis of a screen memory finally revealed traumatic childhood events and allowed a reconstruction of the repressed unconscious infantile conflicts that had organized the personality around these events. In the child case, acting-out and anxiety during the analytic sessions evoked the possibility of sexual abuse in the analyst, which was followed by a traumatic dream in adolescence that served as an après-coup and the working through of the illusionary, idealized parental perfect couple. One function of illusion for many patients in psychoanalysis seems to be maintaining the infantile and the childhood either repressed, negated or denied. The "child of the analysis" is timeless.

Presenters:

Christine Franckx, MD. (Belgian Psychoanalytic Society). **The past as a living present: the role of screen memories.**

Christine Premmereur-Anzieu, MD, PhD. (Société Psychanalytique de Paris and New York Psychoanalytic Institute). **A Childhood Appeasing Illusion and Après-coup Traumatic experience in Adolescence.**

Discussant:

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