

EPF Committee on EPCUS and Universities

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Abstract Content (EN)

The future of psychoanalysis is intrinsically dependent on the interest of younger generations. The presence of psychoanalytic thought in universities is especially critical given that biological psychiatry and cognitive behavioral approaches predominate in most undergraduate and graduate institutions world-wide. Psychoanalysis is often misrepresented as a field that lacks relevance to emotional problems in current society and lacks empirical methodology. However, when available, psychoanalytic presentations are met with great interest from students. At the present time, both the EPF and IPA have newly created new committees that have the mandate of cultivating this interest and creating and strengthening the ties between the psychoanalytic world and the university. In this panel we will briefly present outreach activities such as EPCUS, the student program of the annual European Psychoanalytic Conferences, the new IPAU Web Forum for academic exchange, European psychoanalytically oriented Masters and PhD study programs, e.g. at the International Psychoanalytic University, Psychoanalytic Summer Schools as well as personal experiences of psychoanalysts working in academic settings. A goal of this panel is to encourage discussion and brainstorming about how to further proceed so as to augment further interest in university settings.