

Institutional Matters Committee

Neutrality - asset or obstacle in psychoanalytical institutions?

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Content

The IMC will approach the concept of Neutrality by focusing on the fate of this term and its connotations within our psychoanalytical institutions. *We invite members and candidates to discuss with us* how it may influence the work in our societies, and thereby also our individual work as analysts.

In the Conference Argument it is clearly noted how the term "Neutrality" is much more than a recommendation for a technical attitude. Our psychoanalytical identity has to integrate indifference with subjectivity, as well as objectivity with sympathy..If Neutrality requires a significant amount of mental work on the part of analysts within the sessions, what work does it require within institutions?

In a Society - how does Neutrality correspond with an active leadership and the demands of decisions and stability, as well as change and progression?

It has lately been reported that many societies have huge difficulties in appointing members willing to take on positions of responsibility on many levels. There is a problem inherent here, which might have to do with the difficulties to stand inevitable negative transferences in the "impossible job of governing". And - likewise - with the impossible demand to keep Neutrality in a more or less chaotic organisation. Welcome!