



Faculty of Humanities

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The Department of Psychology

Invites you to a seminar on the topic

Childhood Sexual Abuse: From Conceptualisation to Treatment

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The presentation proposes a conceptualisation of the experience of father-daughter childhood sexual abuse through five traumagenic constructs to further understand the outcomes of thereof. The uniqueness of childhood sexual abuse compared to other forms of child abuse, in terms of symptoms and treatment principles, is described. The 5-citraumagenic constructs are: Soul's homelessness – the split between the body and mind; captured in time – the present and future as reflections of the past; entrapped in distorted intimacy – lack of authenticity; betrayal entrapment – the all in all betrayal; and re-enactment – the need to relive the experience. Principles required for intervention are drawn according to the traumagenic constructs: intensity, authenticity, and integration between body sensations, feelings, and thoughts. The presentation will also include an applied case study showing a process of a therapeutic dialogue through drawings and narratives with an adult social worker who was sexually abused during childhood.

Date: Tuesday 24 May 2016

Time: 12:30 – 13:30

Venue: Room 4-15, Humanities Building

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