



What Do Women Want Today?

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**Committee of Women and Psychoanalysis of the
International Psychoanalytic Association (COWAP)**

Leading international thinkers in the field will discuss contemporary answers to Freud's classic question "What do women want? Today, women are exploring new gender identities, gender dynamics, and family configurations. They want to be thought of as whole persons and to free themselves from the echoes of a misogynistic sociocultural history. Of course, each woman will have her own answer.



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Presenters:



She is in private practice and conducts private seminars and supervisions in New York City.

Graciela Abelin-Sas Rose, M.D., is a member of the New York Psychoanalytic Institute, the Center for the Advancement of Psychoanalysis (CAPS), and the International Psychoanalytic Association (IPA). She founded the New York Psychoanalytic Institute Colloquium with Visiting Authors. Her papers include: *To Mother or Not to Mother: Abortion and its Challenges*, *The Headless Woman: Scheherazade's Syndrome*, *Discovering One's Own Responsibility in a Judgmental System*, *The Internal Interlocutor*, *Malignant Passionate Attachments*, *Coupledness*, and *A Perilous Road to Hope*. She has co-authored, with Peter Mezan, Ph.D., numerous papers on psychoanalytic couples therapy. She also co-edited, with Leticia Glocer Fiorini, *Freud's*



Patricia Alkolombre is a training analyst at the Argentine Psychoanalytic Association (APA). She is Co-Chair of the IPA's Latin America region Committee on Women and Psychoanalysis (COWAP). She is a professor in the Master's Degree program of APA-UBA (Buenos Aires University). She is the author of: *Deseo de hijo. Pasión de hijo* [*Desire for a Child. Passion for a Child*], *Travesías del cuerpo femenino* [*Journeys of the Feminine Body*] (which was declared "of interest in the areas of culture and health" by the Buenos Aires's Legislature), and *Parentalidades y Género* [*Gender and Parentalities*] (with C. Sé Holovko). She has published numerous articles on gender, femininity, desire to have a child, and reproductive techniques.



Rosemary Balsam, FRCPsych (London), MRCP (Edinburgh), is a British doctor and an American psychoanalyst. She is Associate Clinical Professor of Psychiatry in the Yale Medical School; Staff Psychiatrist in the Department of Student Health; and training and supervising analyst at the Western New England Institute for Psychoanalysis. She is on the editorial boards of PQ, American Imago and JAPA. Her latest book was 2012 *Women's Bodies in Psychoanalysis* (Routledge). A recent article (2019) is *The Natal Body and its Confusing Place in Mental Life* (JAPA, 2019). In 2018 she was a Sigourney Prize winner, the first woman in the USA to be given the award.



Cecile R. Bassen, M.D., is a training and consulting analyst at both the Seattle Psychoanalytic Society and Institute and the Northwestern Psychoanalytic Society and Institute. She is on the clinical faculty of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Washington. She has a longstanding interest in gender issues, and is the chair of the IPA's North America region Committee on Women and Psychoanalysis. She sees adults and adolescents in her private practice in Seattle.



Giselle Carino is the CEO and Regional Director for the International Planned Parenthood Federation/Western Hemisphere Region. She leads a network of 45 autonomous local partners that work to guarantee that sexual and reproductive health and rights are a human right for all. In 2017, this network provided more than 36 million healthcare services in the Americas and Caribbean. She is a native of Argentina and is a co-founder and past coordinator of the Latin American Consortium against Unsafe Abortion. She serves on the Board of Directors of Women's Link Worldwide, Catholics for the Right to Decide/Mexico and the Center for Health and Gender Equity.



Margarita Cerejido, Ph.D., is a training and supervising analyst and faculty member of the Washington Baltimore Center for Psychoanalysis. She has written and taught on gender, culture, and prejudice. She recently published *Madres Solteras por Elección y sus hijos; el Devenir de su Subjetividad*, [*Single Mothers by Choice and their Children; the Becoming of their Subjectivity*] (2018), and *Changing Notions of the Feminine; Challenging the Psychoanalyst's Prejudices* (Karnac, 2018). She organizes the annual Culture and Psychoanalysis Conference at the Washington Baltimore Center for Psychoanalysis. Dr.

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Paula L. Ellman, Ph.D., ABPP, is a training and supervising analyst in the Contemporary Freudian Society and the IPA. She is Overall Chair of the IPA's Committee on Women and Psychoanalysis, Associate Board Member of the International Journal of Psychoanalysis, and a Board Member of the North America Psychoanalytic Confederation. She is a Visiting Professor at the Sino-American Training Project in Wuhan China. She has written on female psychology, enactment, terror, sadomasochism, and unconscious fantasy. Recent publications include: *Finding Unconscious Fantasy in Narrative, Trauma, and Body Pain: A Clinical Guide* (with N. Goodman)

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Elizabeth Fritsch, Ph.D., is a clinical psychologist and psychoanalyst with a clinical practice in McLean, VA. She is a training and supervising analyst with the Contemporary Freudian Society (CFS) and a Past President of the Society. She is a member of the IPA's Institutional Issues Task Force. Dr. Fritsch is Director of the SPRING Project (sponsored by CFS), an outreach initiative for mothers and their families experiencing the effects of perinatal mood disorders.



Leticia Glocer Fiorini, M.D., is a training and supervising analyst of the Argentine Psychoanalytic Association (APA). At present she is co-chair for IPA's Latin America region Committee "Studies on Sexual and Gender Diversity", and is a Professor in the Master's Degree program for Interdisciplinary Studies of Subjectivity at the University of Buenos Aires. She is a past president of the Argentine Psychoanalytic Association, past Chair of the Publications Committees of the IPA and the APA. She was awarded the Celes Cárcamo prize for her paper *The Feminine Position: a Heterogeneous Construction*. Her Publications include: *Deconstructing the Feminine:*

Psychoanalysis, Gender and Theories of Complexity, and *Sexual Difference in Debate: Bodies, desires and Fictions*. She edited "On Freud's Femininity", and has published extensively on femininity, motherhood and sexual and gender diversities.



Nancy R. Goodman, Ph.D., is a training and supervising analyst with the CFS in Washington, DC. She is a faculty member in the Wuhan, China Training Program. Her many publications reflect her interest in trauma, symbolizing processes, and female development and enactments. They include *Finding Unconscious Fantasy in Narrative, Trauma, and Body Pain: A Clinical Guide* (with Paula Ellman), *The Courage to Fight Violence against Women* (with Paula Ellman), *Battling the Life and Death Forces of Sadomasochism: Clinical Perspectives* (with Basseches & Ellman), and *The Power of Witnessing: Reflections, Reverberations, and Traces of the Holocaust* (with Marilyn Meyers). Nancy is the founder and Director of the online Virtual Psychoanalytic Museum (www.virtualpsychoanalyticmuseum.org) with IP Books. She maintains a psychoanalytic practice in Bethesda, Maryland.



Adrienne Harris, Ph.D., is a member of the faculty and supervisor at New York University Postdoctoral Program in Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis. She is also on the faculty and is a supervisor at the Psychoanalytic Institute of Northern California. She is an Editor at both Psychoanalytic Dialogues and Studies in Gender and Sexuality. In 2012, she, Lewis Aron, and Jeremy Safran established the Sandor Ferenczi Center at the New School University. She co-edits the book series Relational Perspectives in Psychoanalysis. She is an editor of the IPA e-journal PsychoanalysisToday.com. She has written on gender and development, analytic subjectivity and self-care, primitive states and the analytic community in the shadow of the First World War. Her current work is on analytic subjectivity, intersectional models of gender and sexuality, and ghosts.



Janice S. Lieberman, Ph.D., is a training and supervising analyst and faculty member at IPTAR (Institute for Psychoanalytic Training and Research) in New York. She serves as a liaison member of COWAP and is a Member of the IPA's Committee on Sexual and Gender Diversity Studies. She was on the editorial board of JAPA for ten years. She has written three books: *Omissions, Lies and Disguise in Psychotherapy* (with Helen Gediman), *Body Talk: Looking and Being Looked at in Psychotherapy*, and the recently published *Clinical Evolutions on the Superego, Body and Gender in Psychoanalysis*.



Adriana Prengler, FIPA, is the Vice-President Elect of the International Psychoanalytic Association. She trained in clinical psychology and psychoanalysis in Caracas, Venezuela before immigrating to the United States in 2010. She is a training analyst at the Caracas Psychoanalytic Society and the Northwestern Psychoanalytic Society and Institute in Seattle, Washington. She teaches there and also in Wuhan, China. She has presented her work at national and international congresses and writes on clinical matters and applied psychoanalysis. She is Chair of the IPA's Psychoanalysts' Emigration and Relocation Committee (PERC) and has a private practice in Bellevue, Washington.



Arlene Kramer Richards, Ed.D., is a training and supervising analyst with the Contemporary Freudian Society, IPTAR, and the IPA. She is a founder, teacher, and training analyst of the Wuhan, Sino-American Psychotherapy Training Program. She is a prolific writer with numerous publications on gender, femininity, dreams, literature, perversions, and film. She is also a published poet. (*The Laundryman's Daughter, Poems*). Recent Books include *Pedro Almodóvar: A Cinema of Passion and Desire* (edited with Lucille Spira, IP Books, 2019), *Psychoanalysis in Fashion* (edited with Anita Katz, IP Books, 2019), *Myths of Mighty Women: Their Application in*

Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy (with Lucille Spira, Karnac, 2015), *Psychoanalysis: Listening to Understand. Selected Papers of Arlene Kramer Richards*, (Nancy Goodman Ed., IP books, 2013), and *Encounters with Loneliness: Only the Lonely* (with Arthur Lynch and Lucille Spira, IP Books, 2013). She is a recipient of the Gradiva Award (2014).



Virginia Ungar, M.D., is the current President of the International Psychoanalytic Association, the first female president in the IPA's 105 year history. She is a training analyst at the Buenos Aires Psychoanalytic Association (APdeBA). She lives and practices in Buenos Aires, Argentina. She specializes in child and adolescent analysis, was the former Chair of the IPA's Child and Adolescent Psychoanalysis Committee (COCAP) and Chair of the Committee for Integrated Training. She was given the Platinum Konex Award for Psychoanalysis in 2016.

Anita Bryce Ph. D., Chair of the panel on Contemporary Feminine Scenarios is the President of the Washington Baltimore Center for Psychoanalysis.

**The conference will be held at Hogan Lovells:
555 13th St NW, Washington, DC 20004**

Transportation: Metro Center Metro Station is one block away.

Program:

Friday, November 8, 2019

5:30-6:00 p.m. **Registration**

6:00-7:00 **Rooftop Solarium Cocktail Reception**

7:00-7:10 **General Opening Remarks**

7:10-9:00 **Keynote Presentation: Virginia Ungar**
Authority, Power and Gender in Institutional Life
Moderator: Paula Ellman

Saturday, November 9, 2019

8:30-9:00 a.m. **Registration**

9:00-9:15 **Introduction**

9:15-10:45 **Current Theories about the Feminine**
Chair: Virginia Ungar
Panelists:
Rosemarie Balsam: *Liberating “Female” from
“Femininity”*
Leticia Glocer Fiorini: *The Feminine: Plurality of Desires*
Arleen Kramer Richards: *What Women Want and What
is Wanted of Women.*

- 10:45-11:00 **Coffee Break**
- 11:00-12:30 **Gender Relations Today**
Chair: Adrienne Harris
Panelists:
Graciela Abelin: *Gender Relations Today*
Cecile Bassen: *The Burden of Gender Stereotypes – Struggling with Internal and External Expectations*
Janice Lieberman: *What Should a Wife Want?*
- 12:30-1:30 p.m. **Lunch and Discussion Groups**
- 1:30-3:00 **Psychoanalysis in the Community**
Chair: Nancy Goodman
Panelists:
Elizabeth Fritsch: *Unseen Mothers: a Psychoanalytic Community Responds to Perinatal Mood Distress*
Adriana Prengler: *What do Women Want: Let our Voices be Heard*
- 3:00-4:30 **Contemporary Feminine Scenarios**
Chair: Anita Bryce
Panelists:
Patricia Alkolombre: *The Maternal-Feminine: Scenarios in Transition*
Paula Ellman: *Self-agency in the Feminine: What Females Need Today*
- 4:30-4:50 **Giselle Carino** (International Planned Parenthood Federation) *Reproductive Rights*
- 4:50-5:00 **Closing Remarks: What do Women Want Today?**
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Conference Co-Chairs:

Margarita Cerejido and Nancy Goodman

Discussion Group Facilitators:

Yulia Aleshina, Ph.D.; Sharon Alperovitz, LCSW; Harmon Biddle, LCSW; Carolyn Curcio, LCSW; David Cooper, Ph.D.; Andrea Greenman, Ph.D.; Sandra Hershberg, M.D.; Terri Judge Ph.D.; Joanie Liberman M.D.; Cornelia Lischewski, Psy.D.; Marilyn Meyers, Ph.D.; Batya Monder, LCSW; Alan Nathan, Psy.D.; Debra Neumann, Ph.D.; and Jennifer Unterberg, Ph.D.

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Registration:

Registration includes Friday Rooftop Solarium Cocktail Reception and Saturday Lunch.

Regular:

General admission \$220

Candidates and students \$90

Early Bird: Until September 15:

General admission: \$200

Candidates and students \$75

Learning Objectives:

- 1) Discuss at least 2 different contemporary views about “what women want today?”
- 2) Identify different views about the body’s role in gender identity.
- 3) Define ways in which gender relations today are different from gender relations fifty years ago.
- 4) Describe how cultural change intersects with women's attitude toward maternity.
- 5) Identify effects of gender violence and misogyny in the psychic experience of women today.
- 6) Discuss ways in which changing notions about the feminine are empowering women today.
- 7) Identify two different ways in which traditional gender stereotypes are constricting.
- 8) Explain the dynamic between intra-psychic and cultural misogyny.

8.5 CME/Continuous Education Credits

All credits also qualify for Culture Competency Credits

Physicians: This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, and The Contemporary Freudian Society. MedChi is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians. MedChi designates this live educational activity for a maximum of *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity. Partial participation in this program is contra-indicated. The Contemporary Freudian Society is authorized by MedChi to grant CMEs for this program. Upon completion of this program and online survey, participants will be granted certificates for **AMA PRA Category 1 credits**.

Psychologists: The Contemporary Freudian Society is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. The Contemporary Freudian Society maintains responsibility for this program and its content. CE credits are granted to participants with documented attendance of the entire program and completed evaluation form. It is the responsibility of the participants seeking CE credits to comply with these requirements. Upon completion of this program and evaluation form, participants will be granted **CE credits in the area of Cultural Diversity**.

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