



**The  
FRANCES TUSTIN  
Memorial Trust**

Dear colleagues and friends,

**Please share this email with your colleagues, supervisees and members of your institute/society/organization.**

Following the large worldwide interest in our former lectures we would like to invite you to participate in the new series of lectures that will be organized by The Frances Tustin Memorial Trust during the following months.

The lectures take place on Sunday evenings (Jerusalem time), through zoom and are recorded. Please pay attention to the beginning time and length of each lecture.

**The zoom link will be sent one day prior to the lecture to those who register.** Links to the recording will be sent to registrants a few days after each lecture. **Registration to each lecture will be open till the date mentioned for each lecture, please respect it. Information about lecturers and discussants appears in the attachment.**

**The first lecture in 2022 will take place on Sunday, February 6th, 2022, between 20:30-22:15 (Jerusalem time) featuring Dr. Vera Regina Fonseca (Sao Paolo, Brazil). Registration will be open till Wednesday, February 2nd, 2022, midnight (Jerusalem time).**

**Dr. Vera Regina Fonseca** will lecture on: "**The String and the Abyss – uni-dimensionality in autistic states**"

**Abstract:** The paper focuses on the issue of the absence of representation of an internal space, in the realm of uni-dimensionality.

The case of a young autistic child in the first years of analysis is described as an illustration of how the challenge of the perception of external space is used to overcome precipitation anxiety linked to the experience of falling. The girl's autistic defenses and deficits consisted first in keeping herself in a liquid state and later in denying gravity by means of controlling her compact body in the space of the analyst's room. Her mouth was experienced as a hole to be completely blocked with food and the pacifier, hindering her interchanges with the analyst. The compulsive use of strings in her activities revealed at the same time the search for links and her difficulty to make real connections and establish communication.

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**Price** (all proceeds go to support continued activities of the Frances Tustin Memorial Trust):

**Israeli Registration:** 50 shekel for non FTMT members; 45 shekel for FTMT members

**International Registration:** 20 USD for non FTMT members; 18 USD for FTMT members

**Links for registration and payment to Dr. Vera Regina Fonseca lecture:**

**For Israeli Registration, please click [here](#).**

**For International Registration please click [here](#).**

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**The second lecture will take place on Sunday, April 3rd, 2022, between 19:30-21:30 (Jerusalem time, please notice the time of this evening). Registration will be open till Thursday, March 24th, 2022, midnight (Jerusalem time)**

**The topic of this evening is Dr. Theodore Mitrani's lecture: Coercive Protections and the Quest for Connection. The**

lecture will not be read on Sunday April 3rd, 2022, the registrants are requested to read the lecture in advance and will receive it 10 days prior to the event. On the evening itself **Josien Gussenhoven (Holland) and Dr. Nilofer Kaul (India)** will discuss Dr. Theodore Mitrani's lecture and Dr. Mitrani will react to their discussions and to questions from the audience.

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**Links for registration and payment to Dr. Theodore Mitrani's lecture and Josien Gussenhoven's and Dr. Nilofer Kaul's discussions:**

**For Israeli Registration please click [here](#).**

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**Please see more information about The Frances Tustin Memorial Trust and its list of events on our website:**

<http://www.frances-tustin-autism.org/eng/main.php>

**If you are interested in becoming a member of The Frances Tustin Memorial Trust please go to:**

<http://www.frances-tustin-autism.org/eng/main.php>

**If you have any questions please address them to Alina Schellekes at: [shalin@zahav.net.il](mailto:shalin@zahav.net.il)**

We wish you a happy and healthy new year and are looking forward to meeting you in our lectures,

Very warmly,

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