

**THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PHILOSOPHICAL COUNSELLING
HOSTED BY THE CENTRE FOR APPLIED ETHICS, UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, JULY 8-12, 1994**

PROGRAM - All Events Will Be Held at **GREEN COLLEGE, U.B.C. Campus.**

1. SYMPOSIA (July 8-10, 1994)

This first part of the conference will consist of lectures and discussions centring around three features that are commonly regarded as central characteristics of philosophical counselling: the philosophical element in philosophical counselling; the nature of counsellor-counselee relations; and the special importance of value-related issues (existential, ethical, etc.).

FRIDAY July 8, 1994: Green College Dining Hall

5:00 PM: Reception

7:00 PM: Ida Jongsma (Dutch Association for Philosophical Practice): "Historical and theoretical background of philosophical counselling."

Chair: Louis Marinoff

SATURDAY July 9: MORNING SESSION (8:30 - 12:30): Green College Dining Hall

THEME: What is philosophical in philosophical counselling and in self-knowledge?

8:30-9:15: Ran Lahav (Haifa University, Israel): "Philosophical personal investigation in philosophical counselling."

9:15-10:00: David Jopling (York University, Canada): "Practical self-knowledge."

10:00-10:30: coffee break in The Pub, refreshments provided

10:30-11:15: Michael Schefczyk (Munich University, Germany; German Association for Philosophical Practice): "Philosophical counselling as a critical examination of life-directing conceptions."

11:15-12:00: Dries Boele (University of Amsterdam, Holland; Dutch Association for Philosophical Practice): "Philosophical perspectives on a case-study."

12:00-12:30: Panel Discussion.

Chair: Ida Jongsma

SATURDAY July 9: AFTERNOON SESSION (2:00 - 6:00): Green College Dining Hall

THEME: The nature of the counsellor-counselee relations.

2:00-2:45: Barbara Norman (Witwatersrand University, South Africa): "The arts of relationship and interpretation in philosophical counselling: situation, context and historical thinking."

2:45-3:30: Eite Veening (Dutch Association for Philosophical Practice): "Metalogue in philosophical counselling."

3:30-4:00: coffee break in The Pub, refreshments provided

4:00-4:45: Anders Lindseth (Tromsø University, Norway; German Association for Philosophical Practice): "What is philosophical practice? A hermeneutic approach."

4:45-5:30: Maria Tillmanns (University of Illinois, USA; Dutch Association for Philosophical Practice): "Philosophical Counselling: the art of listening through experience."

5:30-6:00: Panel discussion.

Chair: Ran Lahav

SUNDAY July 10: MORNING SESSION (8:30 - 12:00): Green College Dining Hall

THEME: Counselling for value issues.

8:30-9:15: Michael McDonald (University of British Columbia): "Consulting on business and professional ethics."

9:15-10:00: Michael Burgess (University of Calgary): "Bioethics consultation: moral analysis or philosophical counselling."

10:00-10:30: coffee break in The Pub, refreshments provided

10:30-11:15: Louis Marinoff (University of British Columbia): "The re-emergence of ethical counselling."

11:15-12:00: Panel Discussion

Chair: Paul Sharkey (University of Southern Mississippi; President of American Society for Philosophy, Counselling and Psychotherapy)

SUNDAY July 10: AFTERNOON SESSION I (2:00 - 6:00): Green College Dining Hall

THEME: The relevance of philosophy to everyday life.

2:00-2:45: Steven Segal (Witwatersrand University): "The importance of learning to read the everyday: the role of the philosophical counsellor."

2:45-3:30: Karl Pfeifer: (University of Saskatchewan, Canada): "The role of philosophy in people-oriented professions."

3:30-4:00: coffee break in The Pub, refreshments provided

4:00-4:45: Petra von Morstein (University of Calgary): "The roles of Nietzsche and Wittgenstein in philosophical counselling."

4:45-5:30: Lydia Amir (Tel-Aviv College of Business Administration) "On the effectiveness of philosophy in everyday life: uses and misuses."

5:50-6:00: Panel Discussion

Chair: Dries Boele

2. CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS (Monday-Tuesday, July 11-12):

This second part of the conference will focus on the concrete application of ideas presented earlier. It is aimed at providing those interested with a first-hand experience in various aspects of counselling sessions.

MONDAY July 11: Workshops (8:30-12:00); please see sign-up sheets for room designations.

Workshops will be approximately three hours in duration, with a coffee break from 10-10:30 in The Pub (refreshments provided).

1. Petra von Morstein: "Descartes, Hegel and Nietzsche at work in the counselling room."
2. Dries Boele & Ida Jongma: "What is a philosophical experience?" and "The structure of a counselling session", respectively.
3. Anders Lindseth and Michael Schefczyk: "Conducting a hermeneutic dialogue."
4. Ran Lahav: "The unfolding of personal world-views in the counselling process."
5. Lydia Amir: "Towards a humorous world-view in philosophical counselling."

MONDAY July 11: AFTERNOON SESSION (2:00-5:00): Green College Dining Hall

THEME: Comparing and contrasting philosophical and psychological counselling.

2:00-2:45: Rachel Blass (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem): "The concept of person in philosophical counselling and in psychotherapy: Can the two be integrated?"

2:45-3:30: Ora Gruengard (The Open University of Tel-Aviv): "Philosophical versus psychological counselling: old dogmas and renewed ways."

3:30-4:30: Open discussion on the difference(s) between philosophical counselling and psychotherapy.

Chair: Eite Veening

TUESDAY July 12: Workshops (8:30-12:00); please see sign-up sheets for room designations.
Workshops will be approximately three hours in duration, with a coffee break from 10-10:30 in The Pub (refreshments provided).

1. Eite Veening: "Distinguishing between puzzles in philosophical counselling."
2. Dries Boele & Ida Jongsmā: "What is a philosophical experience?" and "The structure of a counselling session", respectively.
3. Ran Lahav & Rachel Blass: "The unfolding of personal worldviews: philosophical and psychological elements."
4. Louis Marinoff: "Case studies in ethical counselling."

LIST OF SPEAKERS AND WORKSHOP LEADERS

LYDIA AMIR: Teaches philosophy at the New School of Media Studies in the Tel-Aviv College of Business Administration; conducts seminars on the use of philosophy in everyday life. A private philosophical counsellor.

RACHEL BLASS: Clinical psychologist in private practice. Conducting research on the philosophical foundations and development of psychoanalysis at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

DRIES BOELE: Board member of the Dutch Association for Philosophical Practice (which deals mainly with philosophical counselling). Founder of the Dutch journal of philosophical counselling and its first editor. Teaches in training courses offered by the Dutch Association. A private philosophical counsellor.

MICHAEL BURGESS: Teaches bioethics at the University of Calgary, Canada, primarily to health-care professionals. He is a consultant to two hospitals, and to professional organizations and researchers.

ORA GRUENGARD: Teaches philosophy and psychology at The Open University of Tel-Aviv and at the Institute for Advanced Studies at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and works at "Enosh" Counselling Centre, Ramat Hasharon.

IDA JONGSMA: Member of the founding group of the philosophical counselling movement in Holland. Owner of Hotel de Filosoof, which serves as the headquarters of the Dutch Association for Philosophical Practice. Also works in applied ethics for health care professionals.

DAVID JOPLING: Teaches philosophy at York University, Ontario, Canada. Fields of research include the nature of philosophical self-understanding.

RAN LAHAV: Teaches philosophical counselling at Haifa University in Israel. A private philosophical counsellor and editor of the upcoming book, *Essays on Philosophical Counselling*. Fields of research include philosophy of psychology.

ANDERS LINDSETH: Teaches at the Department of Philosophy of Tromsø University, Norway. Vice-president of the German Association for Philosophical Practice, and a private philosophical counsellor.

MICHAEL McDONALD: Maurice Young Professor of Applied Ethics, Director of the Centre for Applied Ethics at the University of British Columbia. His work focuses on many aspects of applied ethics and ethical consultation.

LOUIS MARINOFF: Teaches in the Philosophy Department at the University of British Columbia, and is the Executive Moderator of CAERNETS (Canadian Applied Ethics Research Networks) at the Centre for Applied Ethics. Involved in counselling on ethical issues.

BARBARA NORMAN: Teaches philosophy of education at Witwatersrand University, South Africa, and conducts philosophical counselling groups for youth.

KARL PFEIFER: Teaches philosophy at The University of Saskatchewan, Canada. His interests include philosophy of psychology, social ethics, and philosophical issues in social work.

MICHAEL SCHEFCZYK: Editor of the German journal for philosophical counselling. Has been involved in the German Association for Philosophical Practice for more than 10 years.

STEVEN SEGAL: Teaches philosophy and psychology of education at Witwatersrand University in South Africa. Conducts public workshops of applied philosophy designed to enhance self-understanding.

PAUL SHARKEY: Teaches philosophy at University of Southern Mississippi. President of The American Society for Philosophy, Counselling and Psychotherapy. Involved in applying philosophy to health and mental health professions.

MARIA TILLMANN: A private philosophical counsellor, formerly a board member of the Dutch Association for Philosophical Practice. Currently lives in the USA. Co-editor of Essays on Philosophical Counselling.

EITE VEENING: Secretary of the Dutch Association for Philosophical Practice. A private philosophical counsellor. Teaches and trains social workers in a social work institute.

PETRA VON MORSTEIN: Teaches philosophy at The University of Calgary, Canada. A private philosophical counsellor. Member of the German Association for Philosophical Practice.