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Join us in April 2018 for the International Conference on Contextual Therapy (ICCT 2018) with its global focus on the theory, practice, roles, processes, applications and issues of concern to contextual therapy scholars and practitioners.

ICCT 2018 welcomes all contextual therapy practitioners, researchers and students as well as professionals in the field of family therapy, (pastoral) counseling, social work, psychology, psychiatry and education, to this 3-day conference in The Netherlands organized by the Institute of Contextual Approach (ICA). We aim to not only serve as an academic platform but also as a valuable professional development and continuing education opportunity for practitioners.

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Institute Contextual Approach

The ICA, organizer of the ICCT, is a platform and expertise centre for Contextual Therapy and other applications of the contextual approach. The ICA wants to contribute to the further development and dissemination of the contextual approach, as developed by Ivan Boszormenyi-Nagy. We focus on the application of contextual thinking in therapy and social work. Also, we try to find useful applications of the contextual principles in nursing, education, counseling, etc. We do this through training, development and research:

- The ICA developed three courses on Contextual therapy as well as several short courses
- The ICA is focused on developing the Contextual Approach in the direction of methodology and

application in different settings

- In collaboration with the Research Group Youth and Families we initiate research on the founding principles and efficacy of the contextual thinking.

ICA is part of the Christian University for Applied Sciences. Currently about 25 professors, trainers, supervisors, researchers and developers are involved in the ICA, ranging from contextual therapists, familytherapists and psychologists to psychiatrists and other professionals with particular specialty.

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Program

Provisional ICCT 2018 Program

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The first two days of the conference will focus on research, conference papers and opportunities to network. The third day of the conference our key note speakers will share their knowledge with us and off course there will be plenty opportunity to network.

It is possible to register for the full conference (3 days) or only the third and closing day of the conference (1 day).

Day 1 - Wednesday April 18

09.00 - 10.00	Conference registration
10.00 - 10.15	Opening conference by the conference-chairman
10.15 - 10.45	For the Future! Welcome speech by the director of the Institute Contextual Approach
10.45 - 11.00	Coffee break
11.00 - 12.30	Session 1: Presentation conference paper and discussion.
12.30 - 13.45	Lunch break
13.45 - 15.15	Session 2: Presentation conference paper and discussion
15.15 - 15.30	Coffee break
15.30 - 17.00	Session 3: Presentation conference paper and discussion
17.00 - 17.15	Synopsis
17.15 - 18.00	Café: inform, inspire, innovate

Day 2 - Thursday April 19

09.15 - 09.45	Openingspeech day 2
09.45 - 11.15	Session 4: Presentation conference paper and discussion.
11.15 - 12.45	Session 5: Presentation conference paper and discussion
12.45 - 14.00	Lunch break
13.45 - 15.15	Session 6: Presentation conference paper and discussion

15.15 - 15.30	Coffee break
15.30 - 16.00	How about networking
16.00 - 17.00	Workshop: Bringing the future closer
17.00 - 17.15	Synopsis
17.15 - 18.00	Café: inform, inspire, innovate

Day 3 - Friday April 20

09.15 - 09.45	Registration day-guests
09.45 - 10.00	Opening by conference chairman
10.00 - 10.45	Key-note speaker Hanneke Meulink: "Relational ethics in a changing world. Should this lead to a change of contextual therapy?"
10.45 - 11.15	Coffee break
11.15 - 12.00	Key-note speaker Catherine Ducommun-Nagy: "Boszormenyi-Nagy's hopes for the future of the mental health field and its implications for contextual therapists. An interview with Catherine Ducommun-Nagy by rev. Greteke de Vries.
12.00 - 12.30	World premiere: The Bridge Between: A film about Contextual Therapy and its Founder Ivan Boszormenyi-Nagy , Introduced by Janet Stauffer
12.30 - 14.00	Lunch break
14.00 - 14.45	Key-note speaker Peter Rober: "Dialogical family therapy and contextual therapy: Siblings, cousins or unrelated?"
14.45 - 15.30	Key-note speaker Rashmi Gangamma: "Contextual therapy and scientific research: a view of the past and a wish for the future"
15.30 - 16.00	Coffee break
16.00 - 16.30	Synopsis of the whole conference- Jaap v/d Meiden
16.30 - 17.00	Closing speech - Kees Bregman
17.00 - 18.00	Farewell

Speakers

(Key-note) speakers

Catherine Ducommun-Nagy, M.D



Catherine Ducommun-Nagy, M.D. is a Clinical Associate Professor in the Graduate Program in Couple and Family Therapy at Drexel University, Philadelphia USA and F.M.H. specialist in child and adult psychiatry and psychotherapy (Switzerland). She is president of the Institute for Contextual Growth Inc., Glenside PA, founded by her late husband Ivan Boszormenyi-Nagy. For 30 years, she has been teaching contextual therapy in academic settings in Philadelphia and she has been an invited lecturer for many academic and private family therapy training programs in Europe and other parts of the world. She writes extensively on contextual therapy and its applications. Her book *Ces loyautés qui nous libèrent* (Lattès 2006) has been translated in several languages, in Flemish as *Van onzichtbare naar bevrijdende loyaliteit* (Acco 2008)

Greteke de Vries



Rev. Greteke de Vries (1959) is protestant minister in the Muiderkerk in Amsterdam. She received her contextual training at *Stichting Contextueel Pastoraat* (1997-1998, with Hanneke Meulink-Korf and Aat van Rhijn), and at *Leren over Leven* (2001-2004, with Wim van Mulligen, Leen Hermkens en Han Sauer). In 2010 she presented her publication about one of the two founders of Contextual Pastoral Care in The Netherlands, dr Aat van Rhijn (minister and therapist, 1930-2002): *Meer dan genoeg te eten en een vrolijk hart* [etc], by Skandalon Publishing House. In 2014 and 2016 she moderated the (organisation of the) conferences of Stichting Contextueel Pastoral Care. In 2016 she assisted dr Catherine Ducommun-Nagy during her tour through The Netherlands. At ICCT2018 she will interview dr. Catherine Ducommun-Nagy.

Jaap van der Meiden



Jaap van der Meiden, founder and director of the Institute Contextual Approach (ICA) has a Master's degree in Contextual Therapy and is a contextual therapist, supervisor and learning therapist accredited by the Dutch Union of Contextual Workers (VCW) and systemic therapist accredited by the Dutch Union of Family Therapy (NVRG). He earned his European Certificate Psychotherapy in 2007. As a senior researcher at the Researchgroup Youth and Family he is currently investigating the relevance and applicability of the contextual theory for therapy and social work. For nearly 20 years he has been teaching contextual therapy as well as developing contextual training courses at the Christian University of Applied Sciences, Ede, the Netherlands. In 1996 he started his own practice for contextual therapy.

Peter Rober



Peter Rober is Full Professor in Clinical Psychology at the *Institute for Family and Sexuality Studies*, Medical School, University of Leuven. He is responsible for *Context – Centre of Marital and Family Therapy* at UPC KU Leuven. He coordinates the Postgraduate Training in Marital and Family Therapy (KU Leuven). He recently published his book *In Therapy Together: Family Therapy as a dialogue* (London: Palgrave Mcmillan, 2017).

Hanneke Meulink



Dr. J.N. (Hanneke) Meulink-Korf (1948, the Netherlands) is theologian, psychotherapist and contextual therapist VCW reg. She was associate professor in Practical Theology (Amsterdam, Leiden). She published several books and articles on the thinking of Boszormenyi-Nagy, Martin Buber and Emmanuel Levinas, and on counseling practices. With dr. Aat van Rhijn she initiated and developed an intensive course on Contextual pastoral care and counseling, which is used in many courses in The Netherlands, Eastern-Europe and South-Africa. Key publication, with Aat van Rhijn: *The Unexpected Third, Contextual pastoral care, counseling and ministry: an introduction and reflection* (2016), Wellington: CLF.

Rashmi Gangamma



Rashmi Gangamma is an Assistant Professor in the department of Marriage and Family Therapy at Syracuse University, and a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist in New York, USA. Her research and clinical work using contextual therapy theory began in 2006 at the Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, USA. Using both quantitative and qualitative methodologies, she has engaged in applications of the theory in populations that seek family therapy as well as, more recently, with refugees resettled in the United States. Her research and clinical work expand the conceptual and empirical base of contextual therapy theory, and have been published in major family therapy journals in the US. In addition to research, she has taught contextual therapy theory to numerous graduate students in family therapy and social work in the US. She has also presented at national and international conferences on clinical applications and research on contextual therapy theory.

Janet Stauffer



Janet Stauffer is Professor in the Graduate School of Marriage & Family Therapy at Evangelical Seminary, an AAMFT Fellow and Clinical Supervisor, and a Licensed MFT in Pennsylvania, USA. She maintains her private practice as a Contextual Therapist at her Fredericksburg Family Therapy Center. Research interests and presentations include dialogue in the navigation of loyalty dynamics between the generations as well as education as dialogical engagement with publications on both topics in the Journal of Family Psychotherapy. Janet has enjoyed connecting with Contextual colleagues around the world in the process of developing the featured video *The Bridge Between*.

Kees Bregman



Conference Chairman

Kees Bregman PhD is trainer in contextual pastoral care (involved with the Foundation of Contextual Pastoral Care in the Netherlands) and freelance teacher '*philosophical foundations of the contextual approach*'. He practices as an independent contextual counsellor. As theologian and protestant minister he acquired a doctorate in practical theology (homiletics). In his research of the writings of Ivan Boszormenyi-Nagy he focuses on meaning and eloquence of Nagy's particular contextual language and its usage. He regularly publishes articles on the contextual approach and its foundations in 'Contextual Messages' (with co-author and duo-trainer Annette Melzer) and in other professional journals.

The full program will be compiled based on the Call for papers. We will keep you informed.

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