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In this issue, Past President and Co-President of the Congress, Noriko Nakamura invite our members and public in general to attend the XXIII Centenary Congress. The ISR has proudly organized a historic line-up of presenters and is enthusiastic about celebrating this momentous occasion.

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Fernando Silberstein

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Days before the last congress of 2017 in Paris, Noriko Nakamura convened one or two representatives per continent to begin organizing the next Congress. She proposed to call it the Centennial. Noriko gave a unique imprint to this team, which was to work from a multinational and inclusive group in horizontal collaboration. Initially, in 2017, we would work by a chain of emails, but one of us already used Zoom for lectures to groups of different cities and proposed that we get together that way. Few knew Zoom by then and it sounded strange when this came up. Over time, like everyone, it became essential for us and when the pandemic arrived and videoconferences were imposed so massively, we were already quite the experts in its use.

In the first working group was Bruce Smith, who passed away during our time working together. He first announced that he should have surgery and then with great discretion he retired without wanting us to worry. Then we learned of his decline and subsequent death. We keep wonderful memories of him and his work at the head of the ISR. Then, some members were added, such as the case of Anna Elisa de Villemor Amaral who was proposed as Scientific Secretary and Yifat Weinberger who serves as Secretary overseeing the minutes of our meetings. The initial monthly appointment, always on Tuesdays, was followed by meetings every three-weeks and when there was a lot to decide, we met even more often. Then the efficient Bertrand Joehr was added, from the Symporg company that organizes the Congress, the webinars, and solves all the problems, small or large. As we know, the Congress was postponed and for five years now we have met on Tuesdays every three weeks: Noriko Nakamura, Anne Andronikof, Stephen Finn, Sadegh Nashat, Anna Elisa de Villemor Amaral, Yifat Weinberger, Bertrand Joehr, and me to decide every step of all the activities of the next Congress. This appointment became so important to everyone that only once, because of an unexpected snowstorm, did someone arrive late.

Together from our locations, we go around the Earth. When we meet, for some it is the morning and for others it is almost midnight. We have embraced this wonder of technology that some years ago was unthinkable.

# EDITORIAL NOTE

**By Marc Desautels**  
*Associate Editor*

In this edition we are introducing our newest Associate Editor, Marc Desautels. Marc is the President of the British Rorschach Society. He has been a welcomed creative force to our team and has distinguished himself by his innovative mind and eloquence. We are happy to welcome Marc in our team.



We have witnessed with horror and despair various violent events erupting around the world over the last few years. They leave us feeling powerless and finding it difficult to make sense out of it.

Watching such events unfolding on the news, I was reminded of the Robbers' Cave experiment by Muzafer Sherif in 1950s America. You may recall it from your undergraduate days. Sherif's theory was that conflict would erupt when two groups are in competition for limited resources. In his experiment, he created two groups of 11-year-old boys and sent them to a summer camp. Initially, the groups did not meet and did a number of activities that were designed to create in-group bonds and a strong sense of identity. After a week, both groups engaged in a series of competitive activities; although the groups had been carefully created to be very similar in composition, prejudice and hostility against the other group quickly emerged. When asked to describe members of the other group, the boys were often disparaging and critical, but had a favourable attitude towards members of their own group.

When Sherif tried to integrate the two groups, he was met with opposition and resistance; he found that making the two groups spend more time together only made matters worse. However, when he forced to two groups to work together towards a mutually beneficial goal, tension reduced and a certain opening towards the others was observed.

Although the experiment is not without its flaws or critics, it reminded me how vital having conferences like the one we will be having in Geneva is. Gathering a group of diverse individuals who share mutual goals and making them work around a common interest is the best means of easing tension, building bridges, and fostering respect.

The world of psychology and the world of the Rorschach are not without their factions and divisions, but surely in the light of such findings from social psychology, we, as psychologists, should know better. Now is the time to strengthen our unity and avoid sectarianism.

*Dr Marc Desautels*  
*President of the British Rorschach Society*  
*Associate Editor of the ISR Bulletin*

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## XXIII Congress of the International Society for the Rorschach and Projective Methods - 2022

"100 Years of Fostering Human Understanding"

July 11-15, 2022, Faculty of Medicine, University of Geneva, Switzerland

[www.rorschachgeneva2022.org](http://www.rorschachgeneva2022.org)

# INVITATION TO THE XXIII CENTENIAL ISR CONGRESS

To mark 100 years of Hermann Rorschach and his book, *Psychodiagnostik*, and to consider what the next 100 years of the Rorschach should look like, the International Society of the Rorschach and Projective Methods (ISR) is organizing its XXIII Congress in Geneva, Switzerland, with the support of the University of Geneva. This hybrid Congress, which will combine in-person and virtual events, is open to professionals from all disciplines who have an interest in the Rorschach and projective methods.

## MESSAGE FROM CONGRESS CO-PRESIDENT NORIKO NAKAMURA

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FOR THE DETAILED ISR 2022 CONGRESS PROGRAM [CLICK HERE](#)

## **NOTICE TO DELEGATES**

**THE ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES  
WILL TAKE PLACE SUNDAY  
JULY 10, 2022  
9 am**

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**L'ASSEMBLÉE DES DÉLÉGUÉES  
AURA LIEU LE DIMANCHE  
10 juillet, 2022  
9 am**

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**LA ASAMBLEA DE DELEGADOS  
TENDRA LUGAR EL DOMINGO  
10 DE JULIO, 2022  
9 am**

**Place/Lieu/Lugar**

**Royal Manotel, 41-43 rue de Lausanne, 1201 Genève**

# Reminder for Congress Presenters presenting through video link

Notice to presenters who will be sending their videos for their Congress presentations. **The deadline is June 24.**

## How Do I Make and Submit a Video?

Your video should be no more than 15 minutes in length. Please do not exceed 15 minutes. If you have a computer or phone with a built-in camera, the easiest way is to record yourself speaking directly into the camera and then download the file onto a computer using software such as Quicktime, Imovie, Windowsmedia, etc.

When recording your video, please make sure that you are well lit (natural daylight is best), and try to put your camera on the same level as your face, so you are not looking up or down in your recording. Please make sure that your background is simple and professional, and that there are no strong shadows on your face. A tool that is very useful in making your recording is a teleprompter, so you can look at your computer screen while talking and not have to look down at a printed copy of your presentation.

Here is one free, easy to use teleprompter: <https://www.teleprompter-online.com>

After you have recorded your presentation, please save and store your video in .mov or mp4 format, **in as high a quality as possible**, and then contact Bertrand Joehr at [bjoehr@symporg.com](mailto:bjoehr@symporg.com) for instructions on how to upload or transfer your video.

We also need you to complete, sign, and return a consent form, which you can download [HERE](#)

# PRE-CONGRESS WORKSHOPS

We have an exciting collection of full- and half-day workshops at this Congress, with internationally known presenters covering a number of novel and interesting topics that range from neuropsychology, forensic use of the Rorschach, psychoanalytic interpretation, Therapeutic Assessment, the latest developments in the Comprehensive System, R-PAS, and new tests measuring shame and early memories. **The workshops will take place on Monday, July 11th at the Congress venue.** Don't miss this opportunity to update your knowledge and be on the cutting edge of projective assessment!

## FULL DAY WORKSHOPS

### **1. *Using the Rorschach and Projective Methods in Therapeutic Assessment.***

Presented by Filippo Aschieri and Pamela Schaber (English)

### **2. *Utility of the Crisi Wartegg System in assessing trauma across the lifespan: Research, clinical, and Therapeutic Assessment applications.*** Presented by Alessandro Crisi and Jacob Palm (English)

### **3. *Introduction to the Rorschach Comprehensive System Revised (CS-R) and CHESSES 2®.*** Presented by Patrick Fontan and Anne Andronikof (English/French)

### **4. *The Adult Attachment Projective Picture System: Integrating Adult Attachment Assessment with the Rorschach.*** Presented by Carol George (English)

### **5. *Bloodspots and Inkblots: Using the Rorschach Test in forensic murder case assessments.*** Presented by Reneau Kennedy and Marvin W. Acklin (English)

### **6. *Rorschach Assessment of Severe Psychopathology.*** Presented by James H. Kleiger , Ali Khadivi, Nancy Kaser-Boyd and Barton Evans (English)

### **7. *Interpreting Cases using the Rorschach Performance Assessment System (R- PAS).*** Presented by Gregory J. Meyer, Joni L. Mihura and Luciano Giromini (English)

### **8. *Neuropsychological Rorschach Assessment: Science and Practice.*** Presented by Emiliano Muzio (English)

### **9. *La conception psychanalytique et le processus de la réponse dans le système intégré.*** Presented by Dalila SAMAI-HADDADI (French)



## Half-Day Workshops (Mornings)

10. ***Sack Sentence Completion Test (SSCT) y TAT breve: Uso combinado en adolescentes.*** Presented by Hellmut Brinkmann (Spanish)

11. ***The Early Memories Procedure (EMP): Using a projective test of autobiographical memory in /psychological assessment and psychotherapy.*** Presented by Francesca Fantini (English)

12. ***Cliniques du genre et des non congruences de genre : apports et questionnements des tests projectifs du Rorschach et du TAT selon l'approche psychodynamique.*** Presented by Jean-Baptiste Marchand, François-David Camps, Marion Haza, Mélanie Jacquot et Elise Pelledeau (French)

## Half-day Workshops (Afternoons)

13. ***Evaluating the “sleeper in psychopathology” with the Thurston Cradock Test of Shame (TCTS).*** Presented by Julie Cradock O'Leary (English).

14 ***Pensemos juntos sobre psicósomática.*** Presented by Maria Teresa Herrera (Spanish).

15. ***Projective tests and the assessment of complex trauma in children: A Developmental- psychoanalytic perspective.*** Presented by Tomer Miron (English)



# CENTENARY CONGRESS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS

## It's time for the long-awaited event!

There were 4 years of intense preparations, with all the care taken to make this event a special opportunity to meet again, review our history, and celebrate this centenary.

***There's still time for you to register and be able to participate with us in this unique meeting!***

**Our scientific program is ready and can now be accessed on the website**

**<https://rorschachgeneva2021.org/>**

You will see presentations from all corners of the world! We have special guests who will present us with their in-depth research work that brings the most current developments in Psychodiagnostics to the present day, after 100 years of investigations and clinical experience!

In addition to the scientific program, for the first time at an ISR congress in its many years of existence, pieces from the Rorschach Museum, brought especially from the archives of Bern, will be presented for this event. His personal objects, his artistic works, and his essays to produce the inkblots that revolutionized the practice of personality assessment. Rare opportunity to closely appreciate these historical records, so significant and impregnated with wisdom and creativity.

In addition, many other special projects, parallel to the scientific program, were developed by our associate members from various countries to show the history of the Rorschach around the world, the cultural specificities of the regions through which the method penetrated, its great influence in the world of the arts and, above all, the profound impact on mental health care and on the lives of people who have benefited from the assessments made with the Rorschach.

## Join us! We are waiting for you!

**Note:** *Please note that special projects will only be available to event participants and will not be available for online attendees.*

### Cultural special projects

- **The Video Project:** "Why I use the Rorschach" (organized by Stephen Finn)
- **Rorschach Museum Exhibition:** Hermann Rorschach life, work and art. Photographs, facsimiles and reproductions from the HR Archives and Museum. Curators: Anne Andronikof and Fernando Silberstein.
- **Map Project:** the history of the Rorschach in several countries (organized by Emiliano Muzio)
- **Cultural Responses Project:** illustrations about the specificities of responses from different regions with different natural and cultural environments (organized by Brazilian Rorschach Society)
- **Art Project:** video with artworks of prominent artists inspired in the Rorschach Inkblots. (Organized by Tiziana Sola, Anna Elisa de Villemor Amaral and Pascal Roman)
- **Cartoon Project:** how is the popular imagery around the Rorschach and personality assessment. (organized by Anna Elisa de Villemor Amaral and Ana Cristina Resende)

# The ISR Video Project

## Clinicians from Around the World Talk about the Power of the Rorschach

In 2021, in preparation for the Centenary Congress, the Organizing Committee invited clinicians from around the world to submit short videos on “Why I Use the Rorschach.”

Rorschach users were asked to speak about one patient with whom they used the Rorschach, where the process and results of the test had a large impact on that person’s life. Videos were submitted from Rorschachers all over the world, and a selection of 10 videos has been compiled into a 60-minute presentation that will be unveiled at the Congress in Geneva. The full video is subtitled into English, and it will be run continuously in a room near the center of the Congress activities.

The video will also be available to those colleagues registering for the Virtual Congress. I found it very impactful emotionally to hear clinicians from around the world speak—in their own languages—about the power of the Rorschach with clients from many different cultures. I hope you will also enjoy this experience.

Stephen E. Finn,  
Member, Organizing Committee

### VIDEO EXAMPLE





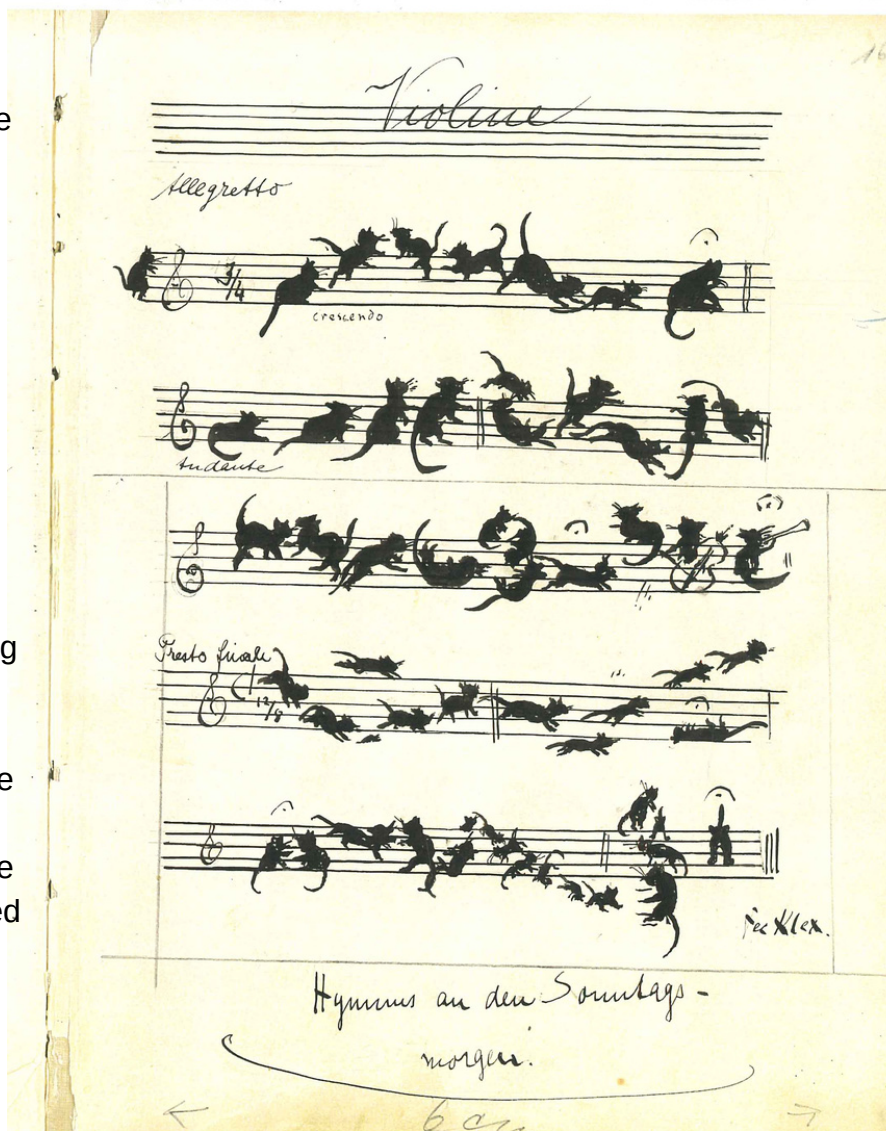
# One-of-a-Kind Exhibition for the Centenary of Hermann Rorschach!

## *Hymn to the Sunday Morning*

All through the ISR International Congress of July 11-15, 2022, a very exceptional exhibit on the life and work of Hermann Rorschach will be open to visitors on the premises of the Congress.

The exhibition is extraordinary because many items will be displayed that have never been seen by the public, including a selection of Rorschach's correspondence in German and Russian languages translated into English, French, Spanish and Japanese, photographs, drawings, a full reproduction of a booklet he wrote and drew during his student years, his father's sign method, and lots of other intriguing material.

This fantastic exhibit enables the viewer to take a deep dive into Hermann Rorschach's ideas, intentions, the sensitive and intellectual path he followed, the trial-and-error procedure which led to the final set of cards for his test, and his unique method of interpretation, achieved as the culmination of his prematurely interrupted life.



**As a special event, Rorschach's 50 or so trial inkblots, beautifully framed, will be distributed to 35 winners of a lottery, for which tickets will be sold at the reception desk from Monday (July 11th) to Friday noon (July 15th).**

The curators of the exhibition are Anne Andronikof and Fernando Silberstein.  
Manager of the Archives in Bern: Stephan Häschler  
On site installation by Sadegh Nashat.

# FREE GIFT

## IN-PERSON PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE A TRANSLATED COPY OF RORSCHACH' DISSERTATION

Hermann Rorschach's doctoral dissertation submitted to the faculty of Medicine of the University of Zurich, entitled "Reflex Hallucinations and Kindred Manifestations," will be distributed for free to congress participants. The document has been translated in four languages: English, Spanish, French and Japanese. This edition presents the first English and French translations. Book covers are reproductions from the original.





# THE MAP PROJECT

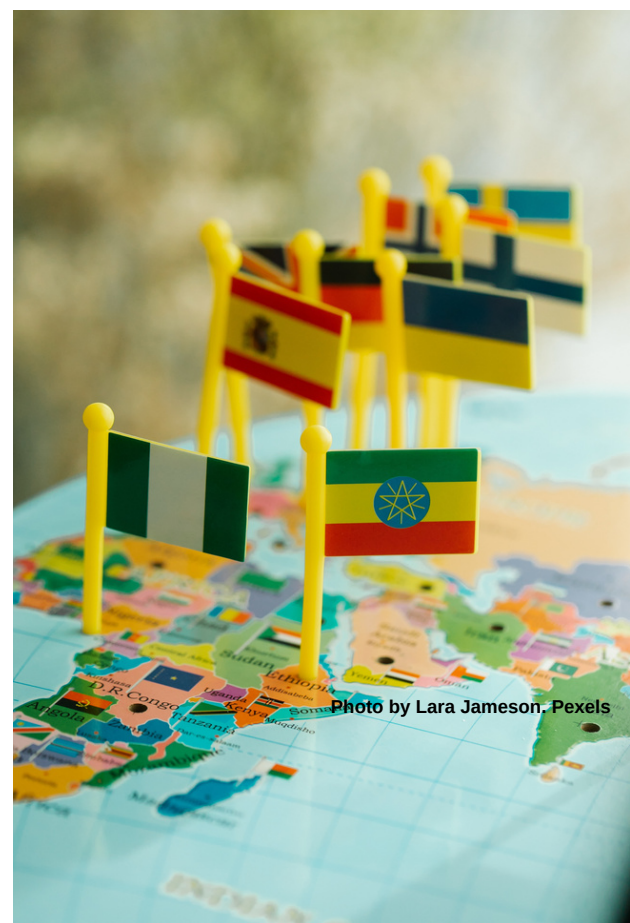
The Map Project is an electronic interactive map of the world which will be projected on a screen at the congress in Geneva. It will show when and how the Rorschach was introduced in different countries: Who brought the Rorschach to the country? How has it been used? What kind of institutions in the country have trained psychologists in using the Rorschach? What Rorschach systems have been used? etc.

The map will be available for participants to interact with throughout the congress. By clicking on any given country on the map, participants will be able to read about the history of the Rorschach in that country.

The Map Project is organized by the ISR.

***Stop by it at the congress to get a better sense of how Hermann Rorschach's famous method has spread all over the world!***

Emiliano Muzio, Map Project Coordinator



## CULTURAL RESPONSES TO THE RORSCHACH TEST

We invite you all to visit the Project that brings together the “Cultural Responses to the Rorschach Test” and check out the cultural plurality of different countries. This project consists of animated videos that will be disseminated in person throughout the Rorschach Centenary Congress. Come and recognize the wealth represented by this cultural diversity that makes up the international sociocultural heritage, valuing the particular trajectory of the groups that make up the International Society of Rorschach. Here you will see from the Fairy Chimney from Cappadocia in Turkey on card I, to the Brazilian samba dancers on card III, the Coliseum from Italy and the Christmas Elves from the Nordic countries on card II, the Mask or Tengu from Japan, La Pachama from Argentina (Mother Earth) on card IX, to McDonald's Chicken Mc Nuggets in the USA on card VII, and many more. Each culture has its own video. If your country has not yet sent the cultural responses, please contact us at [profa.resende@gmail.com](mailto:profa.resende@gmail.com) and check the possibility of including your country as well.

# THE ART AND CARTOON PROJECTS

The art project resulted in a video that presents the history of the use of symmetrical inkblots since their first known appearance, in Justinus Kerner's work Kleksographien. The video presents images of the paintings of several artists, from different countries, who were based on concepts like apperception, projection, and interpretation that underlie the Rorschach method to make their artworks. The artists and their works are accompanied by texts that contextualize their production.

The Cartoon Project is a video that shows a collection of drawings by different cartoonists, whose theme is the Rorschach. The purpose of this video is to show in a fun and friendly way how the Rorschach penetrated the imagination of people around the world and the popular conceptions about the method.

Anna Elisa Villemor-Amaral



## The Young Generation Speaks about the Future of the Rorschach and Projective Methods

The ISR Board decided to get together and give voice to a group of young colleagues representing different countries, who practice Rorschach and projective methods. The 2022 Congress will be celebrating the past 100 years of Rorschach and other projective methods' usage; but we also need to think about how to carry forward that legacy into the upcoming years and we welcome the input of the younger generation in this process.

We asked 12 young colleagues to take part in brainstorming about the future of the Rorschach and projective methods, and to share their vision and ideas about the test and its future usage, as well as the challenges and issues faced by their generation in relation to the test.

The purpose of this Project is to organize two symposia (6 speakers each time) in a large room at the Congress venue with simultaneous translation. We have contacted colleagues from all over the world and we invite all of you to attend!

# WHAT TO DO IN SWITZERLAND?

Do not miss the opportunity to enjoy the beauty that Switzerland has to offer. The Swiss railways offer from one day to more packages all included.

Here are some ideas of one day trips from Geneva that could interest some delegates:

[The Olympic Museum](#)

[Chaplin's World](#)

[Glacier 3000-Peak Walk](#)

[Vallorbe-Schulhausflug](#)

For chocolate lovers [HERE](#)





# Why not a day-trip to Schaffhausen, where Hermann Rorschach lived all his childhood and adolescence?

Rorschach was born in Zurich on November 8, 1884 in a house that, according to Ellensberger, was located at 278 Haldenstrasse. This house, as far as we know, has disappeared. Before the age of two, his family moved to live in Schaffhausen (Scaphusia in Latin), Switzerland. Many will remember that Rorschach was a member of the Scaphusia brotherhood in high school. Schaffhausen is in the north, close to the German border. Rorschach lived here all his childhood and adolescence until he entered the University of Zurich in 1904.

Schaffhausen is a beautiful town of 35,000 inhabitants on the banks of the Rhine, and which has preserved its original architecture and offers walks, buildings and sights worth visiting, such as the waterfalls on the Rhine River. There is a medieval monastery and buildings from the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries.

*It is three and a half to four hours by train from the city of Geneva and trains run continuously from early morning.*

The Rorschach family lived first in the suburb of Gruben and later in Geissberg, a forested area. Ellenberger indicates that in Geissberg, they lived in the Tabor house, of which we have no further information. Later, the family bought a house at 5 Sântisstrasse, in the area near the Munot fortress, which is the emblem of Schaffhausen. Every night at 9 p.m., since 1589, the Munot guard rings the bell for five minutes.

Ellenberger, Henri (1954). "The life and work of Hermann Rorschach (1884-1922)", Bull. of the Menninger Clinic. 12, 173-219.



## In his own words

*Another control test was made by showing subjects two drawings, both of which depicted a mower in the position of mowing. No grass or scythe, etc., were shown in the picture. One of these two drawings was traced from the others, so that both had the same position and form, but the traced one showed the mower as left-handed. The subjects were asked, "What is the man doing", and then "Which of the two is, in your opinion, drawn correctly?" The result was remarkable. Those subjects who gave a large number of kinaesthetic answers in the usual experiment recognized the mower as a mower, but were at a loss to answer the second question. In more than half the cases, they finally designated the left-handed figure as the one drawn correctly. (Left-handed subjects indicated the right-handed figure). On the other hand, those subjects who gave no or few M answers immediately answered both questions correctly. Imbeciles in most cases were able to say which figure was drawn correctly, the right-handed indicating the right-handed figure, and the left-handed the left. Schizophrenics, when an answer was obtained, recorrect. On the whole, this test was found to be far less applicable to schizophrenics than in the usual interpretation experiment.*

**Hermann Rorschach**  
**Psychodiagnostics**  
**Original work done in 1921**



# INTERNATIONAL REPORTS

## ARGENTINA



By Monica Guinzbourg  
ADEIP President

ADEIP (Society of Study and Research in Psychodiagnosis) is an organization that gathers psychologists engaged in psychodiagnosis in Argentina.

During 2020 and 2021, due to the pandemic the XXIV National Congress in Psychodiagnosis and XXXI National Meeting of ADEIP - that were expected to be held in the city of Cordoba to debate about "Psychodiagnosis and the Digital Era" - were cancelled. Also in 2020, and for the same reason, the annual meeting that ADEIP organizes in Buenos Aires about the Rorschach Comprehensive System was cancelled. In 2021 the Annual meeting about Rorschach Comprehensive System, was organized to celebrate "The commemoration of the centenary of Hermann Rorschach". The speakers were PhD Zunilda Gavilan ("The Rorschach test in family trials") and PhD Filippo Aschieri ("The significant feedback to the client using Rorschach SC responses"). Dr. Fernando Silberstein opened the session with a tribute to our colleague Helena Lunazzi, who had passed away some weeks before the event - to which she had been invited to participate -. In another special event ADEIP paid homage to Dra. Lunazzi where colleagues, students and friends talk about her work and its importance for the Argentinian scientific development in Psychology.

In our country, the subject matter is taught during undergraduate education. There are four postgraduate training courses for psychodiagnostics specialization in psychological assessment techniques which are taught in the National Universities of Buenos Aires, La Plata and Rosario as well as in the private University El Salvador. It is important to emphasize that in every case the teachers are ADEIP members,

Thus, the institution intends to provide constant updating not only in the clinical area but also in the other different areas of psychological assessment, encouraging the discussion about our professional practice, the contents of the Ethic's Code as well as the National Mental Health Law.

During 2020, the institution provided online courses about the Wartegg test and "MMPI II in the clinical field." We also offered a webinar about "Assessment in pandemic. The scope of remote psychological assessment" (Nov. 2020, PhD A. Castro Solano, A Costa Shaw, and E. Pais). In 2021, we increased the number of online activities. In February 2021, ADEIP organized a course about "Rorschach and Other Projective Techniques, useful tools for the Therapeutic use" with PhD Stephen Finn (USA).

Adeip continued as well offering courses about Wartegg test and MMPI Inventory, in this case about "MMPI in the forensic field" (Esp. Paula Sanchez Ayala). Other online encounters dealt with: "Psychological assistance online" (Lic. Graciela Adam, Laura Bracco, Mariel Marcos and Mónica Juncos, April). "Diagnosing during pandemic. Sharing experiences" (Dra. Maria Ecriminal forensic field" Dra. Maria M. Monsalvo, Silvia Pugliese and Mariana Pastor, August). Iena Ocampo, Yolanda Weiss, May) "Vicissitudes and intersections in professional practice in criminal forensic field" Dra. Maria M. Monsalvo, Silvia Pugliese and Mariana Pastor, August). "Adolescence and virtuality. Limits in the virtual assessment", (PhD. Mariela Perez Lalli and Gabriela Costanza, September), "New problems, experiences and challenges on the workers when returning to face-to-face work" (Lic. Fabiana Rolfi and PhD Isabel Perez Jauregui and Roxana Boso, December) and "New psychometric instruments."

The ICCP Inventory of the five personality continuums" (PhD. Alejandro Castro Solano y Guadalupe De La Iglesia, December) A webinar on the Wartegg test was also offered during the year.

Annual courses on Exner's Rorschach Comprehensive System are given on a regular basis in different locations, such as Buenos Aires, Santa Fe, Rosario, and Moron, being our institution one of the most important in teaching this System in Argentina. Due to the pandemic situation during 2020 and 2021 online courses were taught with the same regular basis as the face-to-face ones, adding new regions (Northern East Iguazu Falls region and Patagonia)

Our Journal "Psicodiagnostica" continues being indexed. Annually, a printed copy is delivered to each of our members containing articles selected by leading evaluators of Argentina and abroad who belong to the Journal's Scientific Committee. During 2020 and the present year - also due to the pandemic's circumstances -, Volumes 2018 and 2019 were uploaded to ADEIP's website. We are currently preparing Psicodiagnostica digital versions of 2020 and 2021 that will be uploaded to our website within the next few months. Twice per year during both years, we sent our members the Virtual Bulletin or Newsletter, containing relevant information about Psychodiagnosis in our country as well as in other Latin American and European countries.

ADEIP maintains active relationships with IRS (International Rorschach Society), ITC (International Test Commission) as well as national institutions: AAPRO (Argentina Society of Rorschach and other Projective Techniques), and FEPA (Federation of Psychologists in Argentina). In the case of IRS, we voted in the election for new authorities of the institution and promoted the attendance to the webinars among our members, as well as shared all the information related to the next IRS Congress in Geneva 2022. We also contributed to sponsor the simultaneous translation to Spanish, together with other Latin-American and Spanish institutions, for the webinars and the next Congress.

## AUSTRIA



By Dr. Irmgard Slanar  
The Austrian Rorschach Society (ÖRORG)

In Austria our society was also faced with the situation caused by the pandemic: face-to-face teaching was no longer possible. Now we look back on 2 years of experience in dealing with workshops that were held via ZOOM. The basic courses for introduction to the RCS were already encouraging: the interest was greater than in the face-to-face seminars because colleagues from the Austrian federal states, but also from the German-speaking neighboring countries (Germany and Switzerland) could easily take part.

We have just finished the first complete RCS training course, where we practiced and checked the handling with RCS interactively via video with 9 colleagues in terms of procedure, coding, evaluation, and interpretation. Case supervision via ZOOM is possible without any problems, an offer that is also important for us teachers to use.

The next training group will begin in April 2022. For us, this growing interest is a great pleasure, because our ÖRORG had already struggled to survive in previous years.

Now we are already looking to the future and are very excited for the launch of the RCS-R in Geneva.

**With best regards from Vienna, Irmgard.**

## DENMARK



Kim Gabriel Hansen, President  
Danish Rorschach Society

In 2020 and 2021 the Danish Rorschach Society activities have been affected by the restrictions due to the Coronavirus, like everywhere else. In Denmark we have in February lifted all restrictions, and life is going on as usual.

In 2022 we will hold two workshops that has been postponed in several years: in April a workshop with Filippo Aschieri on The Rorschach Comprehensive System and Therapeutic Assessment.

Second, a workshop with Barton Evans on The Rorschach Comprehensive System used as an assessment tool in forensic cases and parental assessment cases will be held in Copenhagen in October 2022.

We have resumed our 2 yearly meetings with members, as well as our training workshops have started again. We hold 3 basic, 3-day workshops, and 3 5-day workshops a year in two different parts of Denmark. Furthermore 3 2-day supervision groups for experienced rorschachers. We have experienced a growing interest in Denmark for learning the Rorschach, that is regarded as a very valuable personality assessment instrument in many settings.

In Denmark we use the Comprehensive System, and we all look forward to the release of the CS-Revised at the Centennial Congress in Geneva. We expect to become a relatively large Danish delegation to the Centennial Congress. We have planned a 1-day workshop where we will present the CS-R for our members, and a 2-days workshop with Patrick Fontan in April 2023, where we can discuss our experiences with the revised CS more in depth.

We would like to invite members from other National Rorschach Societies to participate in the Danish

Society's International Workshops. Send us an e-mail, if you would like to receive our newsletter concerning our International Workshops, then you will receive a flyer with the relevant information about the workshop and accommodation possibilities some month before the workshop is going to take place.

Already now we have started to arrange the next world congress, the XXIV International Congress in Copenhagen in 2024. **There will be only two years between the Geneva and Copenhagen Congress, and we hope to see many of you in Copenhagen.**

## DUTCH FLEMISH

By Abraham N. J. Pieters, President  
Dutch Flemish Society of the Rorschach and Projective Methods

After Omicron becoming the dominant variant of Covid-19, the gradual realization of its much milder impact, and the accompanied release from lockdown our Society found enough guaranties to safely restart the organization of our previously cancelled courses and workshops, e.g. our regular annual 4-day "basic" R-PAS course, the one-day Workshop on the TAT and its use and implications in the assessment of Autistic Spectrum Disorders, and the special summer 2-day Workshop: "Psychological testing that matters: Creating a road map for effective treatment" by international keynote speaker and master clinician Dr. Anthony Bram.

Also, by continuing to provide most of our Rorschach workgroups digitally and maintaining a lowered threshold for new members to join, the call for digital supervision from R-PAS users of varied levels of experience by our experienced R-PAS teachers continues to be successfully answered.

We sincerely hope that the restart of our courses and workshops and continuation of our workgroups will result both in a renewed and considerable growing interest in the Rorschach (R-PAS)!

**Visit our website at [www.rorschach.nl](http://www.rorschach.nl)!**

## FINLAND



By Emiliano Muzio, President  
The Finnish Rorschach Association

In 2021 The Finnish Rorschach Association (FRA) organized three seminars/webinars for its members as well as for international participants on Zoom. In March Dr. Alessandro Crisi (Rome, Italy) made a one-day presentation on the Crisi Wartegg System (CWS) and its relation to the Rorschach. In May Dr. Stephen E. Finn

(Austin, Texas) made a four-day presentation on restoring epistemic trust through Therapeutic Assessment (organized in collaboration with the Therapeutic Assessment Institute and the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore). Finally, in November Dr. Barton Evans (Asheville, NC, USA) made a two-day presentation on the clinical and forensic assessment of psychological trauma, as well as on using the Rorschach in forensic and clinical settings. All three online seminars were a success in terms of attendance and feedback, and it was a pleasure and honor to have the opportunity, once again, to learn from the best in these areas of research and practice.

This year FRA seminars will include presentations on treatment planning and evaluation (Dr. Jaakko Stenius), Rorschach studies of trans populations (Dr. Heikki Toivakka), the Personality Focused Assessment: Combined Integrative Work Sheet (Dr. Heikki Toivakka), Rorschach coding solutions (Dr. Tuula Ilonen), the Comprehensive System – Revised (CS-R: Dr. Patrick Fontan) and the new CHESSSS 2 Rorschach scoring program (Dr. Patrick Fontan).

Several members of our association will be attending the upcoming Rorschach Centenary Congress on site in Geneva. We are all very much looking forward to finally having the opportunity to meet our international colleagues again in person, and to hear the newest latest on the Rorschach Performance Assessment System (R-PAS), the CS-R, the CWS, Therapeutic Assessment, and many other methods and theoretical tools for fostering human understanding.

**Let us join forces and bring the Rorschach into its next 100 years in style!**

## FRENCH SPEAKING SOCIETY

By Pascal Roman  
French Speaking Rorschach and Projective Methods Society

Some news about the activities of the Society of Rorschach and French-speaking projective methods in recent months.

*Annual conference in Paris on 29 January 2022*

Our annual conference was held on Saturday 29 January 2022. The theme was "The contribution of projective tests to the diagnostic process." This conference brought together more than a hundred people, with a round table format, which promote inter-professional exchanges, around the clinic of the child, the adolescent, and the adult.

On this occasion, the Bureau of the Société du Rorschach et des méthodes projectives de langue française was renewed, the mandate of the two Vice-Presidents having come to an end. The composition of the Board is now as follows:  
- Pascal Roman (Lausanne), President

- Hélène Suarez-Labat (Paris) and Céline Racin (Strasbourg), Vice-Presidents
- Xanthie Vlachopoulou (Paris), General Secretary
- Clara Halley (Paris) and Benjamin Bravermann (Paris), Deputy Secretaries General
- Pierre-Justin Chantepie (Paris), Treasurer, and Sandra Misdrahi (Paris), Deputy Treasurer
- Jean-Yves Chagnon (Paris), Editor-in-Chief of *Psychologie clinique et projective*
- Joy Wielard, Webmaster

#### *Nina Rausch de Trautenberg Thesis Prize 2022*

This award, created by the Société du Rorschach et des méthodes projectives de langue française in 2020 and sponsored by Dunod Editions, rewards a thesis defended in recent years for the quality of its contribution to the field of projective psychology. It was awarded for the first time to Mina Hanifi for her thesis entitled "L'histoire en héritage - l'agir violent à l'adolescence et la transmission générationnelle" - "History as an heritage - violent behaviour in adolescence and generational transmission" (direction: Prof. Pascal Roman, University of Lausanne). The presentation of the winner can be found on the page dedicated to the Thesis prize on our website: <https://www.societerorschach.org/prix-de-these>

#### Review *Psychologie Clinique et projective*

The themes of the next issues of *Clinical and Projective Psychology* for 2022 are the following:

- 2022/1: Play and projective tests
- 2022/2: Psychic envelopes

## ITALY



By Tiziana Sola, President  
Associazione Italiana Rorschach (AIR)

The Italian Rorschach Association (AIR) has historically been involved in various scientific, educational, clinical, and editorial activities. It is the promoter of annual national and international conferences, as well as projective seminars on different psychopathology topics.

On the occasion of the International Conference to commemorate the centenary of the birth of the Rorschach test, held in 2019 at the University of Padua, AIR brought together all the works presented in a volume published in 2021 entitled *Timeless Rorschach*, yesterday, today, tomorrow, by Tiziana Sola, published by the Roman University Editions (EUROM). In May 2021, in collaboration with the European Research Institute in Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy (IREP) and with the Psychoanalytic Institute of Social Research (IPRS), a presentation of the text took place, electronically, with the participation of the authors who contributed to the volume.

In January and May 2021, Luca Bruno and Carmela Mento, prominent scholars within the AIR, held two interactive seminars, *Dialogues on the projective clinic*, very successfully by experienced participants, who participated with their impressions. In November 2021, the AIR organized the International online Conference *Projective techniques in clinical practice: frames and contexts*, in collaboration with the University of Turin. The conference was dedicated to the memory of Liana Valente Torre, a historical figure of the AIR. The related scientific works will be collected in a monograph edited by Gabriella Gandino and Doriana Dipaola which will be included in the new *Clinical and Projective Psychology Collection* created by the EUROM Editions and directed by Tiziana Sola. In commemoration of the Centenary of Hermann Rorschach's death, this Collection will be inaugurated with the release in April 2022 (the month of Rorschach's death) of the volume *Lieber Herr College! Correspondence between Hermann Rorschach and Walter Morgenthauer*, Italian translation edited by Tiziana Sola, with the introduction of Professors Maria Armezzani and Filippo Maria Ferro. AIR and its representatives will be present at the Geneva International Congress, having proposed symposia and scientific communications.

We would like to remember the figure of Liana Valente Torre who died in October 2020. Professor at the University of Turin, she devoted most of her studies to Projective Methods, involved in areas of research such as those on twins, author of publications as well as translations of reference texts such as that of Nina Rausch de Trautenberg, *The practice of Rorschach (La pratica del Rorschach, UTET-Università, 1999)*. She was one of the founders of the Associazione Italiana Rorschach.

## JAPAN



By Masamichi Noda, President  
Japan Rorschach Society for the Comprehensive System (JRSC)

*Annual Conference:* The 27th Annual Conference of JRSC will be held online on July 16, 2022, hosted by the board. We are preparing a fresh program, making the most of online meeting, that will mark the start of the next 100 years of the Rorschach.

The theme of the conference is "Linking Diverse Possibilities to the Next Generation Based on 100 Years of History - Questioning the Present and Creating the Future". It has the following implication: Rorschachers have always been open to various questions, demands and possibilities, but still have many mysteries and problems to be resolved. Thus, we need to continue to address these issues with an open mind.



We have invited at this conference some members of CSIRA (Comprehensive System International Rorschach Association) and IRI (International Rorschach Institute) to speak about the challenges and future of the Comprehensive System (CS). In addition, we will further discuss the cases that will have been dealt with in the program of the ISR centennial convention. We hope that this conference will serve as a catalyst for further development of the CS.

**Certification System:** In Japan, CPCS (Certificate of Proficiency in the Rorschach Comprehensive System) has been in operation for about five years. CPCS consists of three levels of certification, but we have yet to produce a Level- 2 successful applicant. It is partly because we set a high standard for the certification to develop the CS. While maintaining the quality of this program, we will continue to focus on training so that many of members can obtain Level 2 or higher certifications.

**Training:** Training focused on treatment planning based on the Rorschach is scheduled for June 2022.

## MEXICO



By Albessa E. González Anaya; Founding President, Sociedad Mexicana de Rorschach y Métodos Psicodiagnósticos

While the past couple of years have been challenging for all as a result of the sanitary contingency, in Mexico, the members of the Sociedad Mexicana de Rorschach y Métodos Psicodiagnósticos continued their commitment to promote the practice of the Rorschach and other psychodiagnostic methods, through different activities. These include virtual and in-person training in projective techniques; participation as faculty in universities, provision of services and training in mental health institutions, contributions in training and seminars, nationally and internationally; as well as research projects and clinical supervision.

Some activities in which the members of our Society participate include presentations by Adriana Gorená related to Resiliency and the use of Collaborative Therapeutic Assessment; while providing clinical and diagnostic support to colleagues and students. Post-graduate courses at the Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León (UANL) instructed by Daniela Escobedo, including specific training in the use of the Rorschach, Collaborative Therapeutic Assessment, Narrative Assessment Techniques, and Psychotherapy.

Likewise, she has a co-authorship with Ernesto Pais of the book chapter "Growing Empathy with Complex Clients in Developing Countries: Collaborative/Therapeutic Assessment in Latinoamérica", from the book:

"Collaboration, Culture, and Community: Psychological Interventions Around the World." Dr. Albessa González continues integrating the use of psychodiagnostic methods as a key part of neuropsychological assessments, while providing training and supervision, as well as participating in research projects. Dr. Angélica Quiroga continues conducting research and providing graduate and post-graduate level training at the Universidad de Monterrey in the use of the Rorschach and other assessment methods. Francisco Gallardo has instructed several courses in projective techniques directed to seminary trainers, and courses in the Universidad de la Arquidiócesis de Monterrey (UNIAM). Adriana Velasco provides clinical supervision and courses in projective techniques in the Instituto Tecnológico of Matamoros, Tamaulipas.

The Mexican Society is proud to have its members contribute to the celebration of the Centenary of Rorschach at the XXIII Congress in Geneva, through oral presentations, collaboration on a pre-congress webinar, the MAP project, and on the video project about the Rorschach practice around the world. The members of the Sociedad Mexicana de Rorschach y Métodos Psicodiagnósticos are looking forward to the International Congress and the great opportunity it brings to connect with fellow Rorschachists and to expand the knowledge and appreciation for the practice of the Rorschach and psychodiagnostics.

## SWEDEN



By Malin Holm, Chairman of the Board  
The Swedish Rorschach Society

To celebrate the 100th anniversary, Cilla Kallenberg, Malin Holm and Erik Hammarström gave the online-seminars Personality Diagnostics for the 2020s, The need to feel alive – different faces of depression in young offenders, Psychodynamic psychotherapy and the Rorschach method – a centenary love affair and Childhood adversities and their impact on development seen through Rorschach and Wartegg.

The seminars were given online and were free for members and open to non-members at a cost. The arrangement was a one-hour seminar, pause and then joint discussion. It has been appreciated and will continue in 2022. In connection with the anniversary, Erik Hammarström has published the articles Rorschachtestet – a controversial centenarian in the journal of the Swedish Psychological Association Psykologtidningen as well as the article Psychodynamic psychotherapy and the Rorschach: A centenary love affair, in the journal Psychodynamic Practice.

Cilla Kallenberg has examined three participants from her specialist accredited course in Rorschach Performance Assessment System (R-PAS), and seven



people have graduated in Cilla's and Ulrika Nygren's specialist accredited education in Evidence-based Psychological Assessment - Understanding the person behind the diagnoses. Malin Holm has started a course in Wartegg CWS with four participants. Five members of the association have participated in International Case Consultation Series on Zoom at The Institute of Projective Psychology (IPP) with Dr. Odile Husain, Ph.D, Private Practice and IPP, Montreal, Qc, Canada and Dr. James Kleiger, Psy.D, Private Practice, Bethesda, MD, USA. Among others, Erik Hammarström has been rapporteur with a super interesting case with a question that led to very fruitful discussions. Cilla Kallenberg has continued to hold regular meetings with two national Rorschach Case Consultation groups.

The annual conference of the Society for Personality Assessment in 2021 was entirely virtual, with either pre-recorded or live broadcast seminars. Cilla Kallenberg and Malin Holm participated with the seminar The need to feel alive – different faces of depression in young offenders. They and Emma Bolund Lowenstein will also present this as a symposium at the Geneva Conference, including a case of Emma's from her forensic research. Emma will also present her a research-poster at the conference and Erik Hammarström will participate with a case-presentation of Zulliger and a patient with retrograde amnesia.

Two of the board members are currently doctoral students with projects in our field. Emma Bolund Lowenstein with the project Multi-method in psychological assessment as a basis for forensic psychiatric evaluations and Erik Hammarström with the project Project Z (Convergent validity of the Z-test and the R-PAS).

**With hopes to meeting you all in Geneva, Malin Holm, Chairman of the Board**

## TURKEY



İrem Erdem Atak, President  
Turkish Society of Rorschach and Projective Tests

In 2021, it was a great pleasure for us to organize the "V. National Rorschach and Projective Tests Congress" with the intense participation of our colleagues and students. Due to the limitations of the Covid-19 pandemic, the congress was held via the Zoom platform. Our headline was "Rorschach Test on its 100th Anniversary" in the honor of the development of the Rorschach Test in 1921. We were proud to have Catherine Chabert, Jim Kleiger, and Vito Rocco Genzano as our guest speakers. We are grateful for their fruitful contributions to our triennial congress with their presentations.

As we have been organizing every year, we continued our "Psychoanalytical Psychopathology Seminars" as preparation seminars for the projective tests. Our theoretical psychopathology training for projective methods includes studying development from infancy to childhood, adolescence, and adulthood within a psycho-analytical model of psychopathology. With a high amount of participation from the professionals and students in the field of psychology, we have finished another series in these seminars in 2021.

We published our Journal of Psychopathology and Projective Tests – Projection (Yansıtma) on "Dependencies-I" as well as "Dependencies-II". With these issues; the Volumes 35 and 36 have been served to the academic and clinical field. Research, case studies and theoretical explanations on various forms of dependency were included in those two issues with considerable interest from the professionals in our field that use projective methods productively for their clinical practice. Also, this year, we have renovated our website for the Journal of Psychopathology and Projective Tests – Projection (Yansıtma) as [www.yansitmadergisi.com](http://www.yansitmadergisi.com).

Our case study series named "From Theory to Practice - Projective Test Studies" has continued on various subjects like gender identity, dependency, trauma, and sexual violence. We're looking forward to organizing more of those on various subjects to comprehend and work on different psychopathologies. Our freshly published book named "Psychopathology and Projective Tests in the Light of Clinical Research" includes case studies that were presented on the "From Theory to Practice - Projective Test Studies" series in previous years. We have been able to collect these valuable presentations and publish them as a comprehensive book that can be used as a rich source of information both theoretically and clinically.

Lastly, we are very happy to announce that with the contribution of our society, a new podcast series, "[Freud Diye Diye](#)" ("Telling Freud") started to be published on at the end of 2021. We will be sharing more news about it in the next year's bulletin.

We have welcomed our new members during 2021 as every year to work and study on new subjects with the contributions of projective methods. **Please follow us on [rorschachturk.org](http://rorschachturk.org) for all the updates and announcements.**

## UNITED KINGDOM



By Marc Desautels  
British Rorschach Society

The last year has been a productive and eventful time for the British Rorschach Society. We were delighted last summer when our former president and now vice-president Dr Kari Carstairs was elected First Vice President of the International Society of the Rorschach and Projective

Methods. This made her decide to leave the presidency of the BRS to concentrate on her new role with the ISR. After a period of consultation, I became president of the BRS in November 2021.

The presidential transition was marked at our centenary event, also held in November 2021, where we hosted a case presentation and a champagne reception at the British Psychological Society in central London. The event was generously sponsored by the publisher Hogrefe and the BRS was grateful for their support in making it a success.

We have all been busy preparing ourselves for the ISR Congress which will take place in Geneva next July. As part of the pre-congress webinars, our society's treasurer Dr. Justine McCarthy Woods presented the Wolf Man's protocol to an international audience. The presentation was well received and launched the series of pre-congress events. I have also been part of the scientific committee, reviewing papers and proposals submitted for the Congress.

More recently, our vice-president, Dr. Kari Carstairs, in collaboration with the Rorschach International Institute, completed a number of interviews which have now been published on YouTube. In one interview, she met with Andrea Priddy (John Exner's daughter), Professor Andronikof, Dr. Nakamura and Dr. Patrick Fontan where discussions on the forthcoming Comprehensive System-Revised (CS-R) were held (<https://youtu.be/x2gTntClQ7I>). In another interview, she met with Dr. Jason Smith and Dr. Carl Gacono where they discussed the CS-R supplementary scales booklet which includes the newly developed Gacono Aggressivity Cluster (GAC). Please watch at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yMDJs9S06-E>

In February this year, we held a Comprehensive System scoring workshop; thanks to the publicity generated by Dr. Patrick Fontan, it became a truly global event as people from nine different countries attended. One of the protocols from our normative study was used and it generated some exciting discussions. Our next one will hopefully take place in the autumn.

Also, in February this year, Dr. Kevin Lambe, our board secretary who is from Ireland, took to the airwaves on the prime-time Saturday morning chat show on RTE Radio 1 to talk about his practice as a clinical and forensic psychologist. This followed a newspaper article written about his work in the Irish Sunday Independent only a week earlier. He has received a good response to messages he imparted on the importance of the first six years of life and preventive infant mental health strategies. He is also currently in talks with a publishing company about not just one, but possibly two books.

On a less positive note, despite our successes on the international front, our membership remains rather low

with a total of 13 members. We believe that providing training on the Rorschach will be key to our survival and we hope to offer this to British psychologists in 2023.

**Watch this space!**

## UNITED STATES



By Joni L. Mihura,  
Previous SPA President (2021-2022\*)

Hello! Your U.S. colleagues are very much looking forward to seeing you in Geneva in July. We're looking forward to sharing our love for the Rorschach, our interest in understanding our patients the best we can, and our research on the Rorschach that helps us do so. Your U.S. colleagues are also looking forward to the comradery in Geneva that includes sharing dinners, drinks, and other gatherings together. It's been a long time since Paris in July of 2017.

As shared in my final President's address\* at the 2022 SPA convention (which you can view [HERE](#)) – I believe the knowledge we have acquired as personality assessment experts can be transformative on a broader global scale. In my past service as the SPA president, I discovered the Council of Scientific Society Presidents (CSSP). Continuing my involvement as a CSSP alumni, it has been a fantastic experience that includes talking about the role of science in complex global crises such as climate change and the pandemic. I'm amazed at how much understanding people, such as ways of responding to global threat, has connected me to this group. One thing that stands out to me most as I write this for the ISR newsletter – is that I've found an interesting and welcoming home for a Rorschacher in a community of scientific society presidents like chemists, oceanographers, and geologists.

On the topic of being global and connected – we are living in some tough times. Many people's hearts are burdened. Globally, destruction and fear has taken center world stage. Just being 'different' – the color of our skin, our religion, our country, etc. – can be viewed as a threat. This also happens in our global Rorschach society, as differences can be viewed as threats. Let's take this lesson to heart. **We must purposefully and mindfully focus on what we have in common as humans and on being colleagues with a passion in understanding people with the Rorschach.**

\*With deep sadness, after finally accepting that my leadership on the SPA Board was not possible, I resigned from the position of SPA President in April 2022. The present message was written before I resigned, and edited to remove any mention of 'current' presidency.

# IN MEMORIAM

## Liana Valente Torre

*By Gabriella Gandino and Doriana Dipaola, members of the Board of Italian Rorschach Association*

On November 3rd, 2020, Professor LIANA VALENTE TORRE, former researcher and professor who taught courses on Personality Investigation Techniques and Psychodiagnostics at the Department of Psychology of the University of Turin, passed away.

Liana Valente Torre is the author of several national and international scientific publications, which have marked the history of Rorschach in Italy. Furthermore,

she introduced tests and projective techniques in our country, taking also care of their Italian translation and adaptation: the Psycho-Erotic Induction Test (TIPE), the Senior Apperception Technique (SAT) and the Kaufman Assessment Battery for Children K-ABC).

Open to confrontation and keen on dialogue, Liana Valente Torre developed fruitful collaborations – including the ones with Nina Rausch de Traubenberg (Descartes University, Paris), with Giorgio Abraham (University of Geneva), with Alan and Nadeen Kaufmann (University of Yale, USA) – characterized by lively and fruitful intellectual exchanges and which have produced appreciable clinical and scientific results.

Together with Augusto Ermentini (Director of the Psychiatric Clinic in Brescia) she founded the Italian Society for Rorschach and Other Projective Techniques (AIPRA) with the aim of encouraging the exchange between clinics and researchers of national fame on projective tests and their clinical applications. The current Italian Rorschach Society derives from AIPRA.

In addition, she generously committed to the development of scientific projects to be brought over the territory, in the field of aging, school learning and twinning.

We are honouring the memory of a scholar who introduced generations of students to psychodiagnostics and who, at the same time, actively took part in academic life and clinical research, with various roles, constant dedication, and brilliant skills.

Her students fondly remember her genius and her sharpness of thought, well seasoned with originality and unpredictability, the passion she was able to transmit in every activity undertaken and the young and curious spirit with which she approached her research themes and, in general, her own life.

We therefore greet a teacher and a colleague who marked the history of the Italian Rorschach Society and the projective clinic, as well as a teacher who disseminated scientific knowledge and who contributed to the training of generations of professionals. ✨





# BOOK REVIEWS, RESOURCES, MEDIA AND MORE



## TEST REVIEW THURSTON CRADOCK TEST OF SHAME

BY JULIE CRADOCK O'LEARY

Shame is an excruciating feeling of being defective at one's core. Shame is so painful that people rarely explicitly name it. Shame-related defenses, feelings and behaviors are instead expressed, creating confusion. Shame underlies many diagnoses (e.g., depression, anxiety, substance abuse), interpersonal difficulties, and problematic intrapsychic dynamics (e.g., perfectionism, self-sabotage) that bring clients to an assessment. In fact, H.B. Lewis called shame the "sleeper" in psychopathology (p. xi, 1987) and S.B. Miller called it the "bedrock of much psychopathology" (p. 151, 1996). The assessment process itself can evoke shame in clients, complicating the clinical picture. Adding a measure of shame can uncover these dynamics and clarify data from other tests.

Previous questionnaire-based measures of shame fell short due to face validity and forced-choice responses, so the Thurston Cradock Test of Shame (TCTS; Thurston and Cradock O'Leary, 2009/2021) was designed to capture intrapsychic and interpersonal shame dynamics. It is the only performance-based measure of shame.

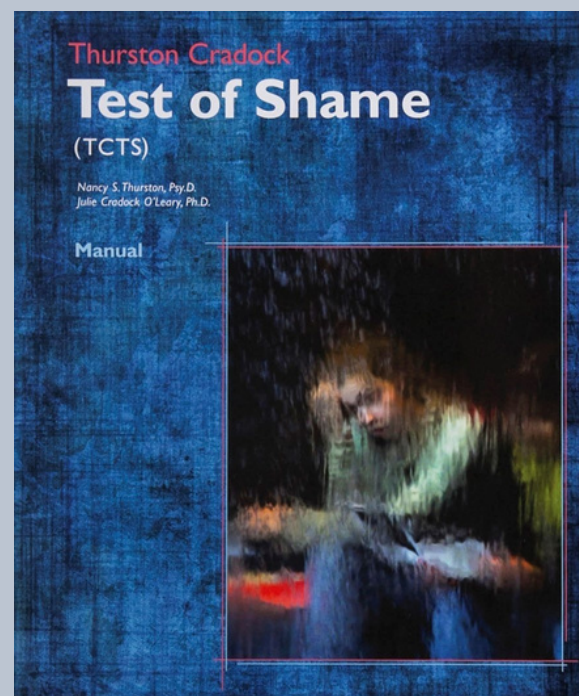
The TCTS is a card-based storytelling test with a structured scoring system, similar in style to the TAT. Individuals are asked to view 10 pictures and tell stories with a beginning, a middle and an end, and describe what characters are thinking and feeling. The manual describes each scoring category, providing examples from actual TCTS protocols. Shame is scored as Direct or Indirect. If no shame content is present, vague affective statements (e.g., "she felt bad") are queried to determine possible embedded shame.

TCTS shame defenses, based on Morrison's (1989) work and similar to Nathanson's Compass of Shame model (1992), include Deflation, Aggression and Inflation/Contempt. These defenses are then scored based on the degree to which a character engages in the defense. Story resolutions include Adaptive, Maladaptive and Unresolved/Ambivalent. Shame dynamics activated during testing, including various nonverbal, verbal and behavioral signs, are noted within the verbatim text and scored.

The TCTS manual includes many guidelines for interpreting the protocol. Generally speaking, the test provides a picture of what and how shame is triggered, exacerbated or alleviated in the client during each story and over the course of the test. A client's ability to manage and resolve shaming situations is clarified. A few examples of helpful interpretive data include the following: A client may experience shame around achievement or body image, but not social situations. Another might engage in avoidance, via focusing on extraneous detail or using tentative language when discussing shame. One client might use Aggression or Deflation defenses to process his shame, while another uses the same defenses but gets "stuck" feeling angry and withdrawn. Repeated themes across cards, such as criticism from an authority figure coupled by withdrawal by the shamed character, or the lack of help provided by nearby adults, can reflect a client's real or perceived situation.

As use of the TCTS is expanding globally, it is essential to view client stories and scores within their cultural context. What may appear to be nonsignificant in one culture could be aggressive or shaming in another.

Two recent TCTS case studies from Japan (Cradock O'Leary, Finn, & Nakamura, 2020) and the United States (Cradock O'Leary, Kelley, & Parrish, 2020) demonstrate the strengths and usefulness of the TCTS as a test as well as an intervention tool.



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# UNDERSTANDING FEMALE OFFENDER: PSYCHOPATHY, CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR, ASSESSMENT, AND TREATMENT

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## Understanding Female Offenders

Psychopathy, Criminal Behavior,  
Assessment, and Treatment

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This handsome, attractively packaged 468-page paperback is a comprehensive textbook that integrates multiple dimensions in the comprehensive forensic psychological assessment and treatment of female offender behavior. It is the most comprehensive treatment that I have encountered in 30 years of criminal forensic practice, and of greatest interest, links three decades of assessment work based on the Rorschach Test, PCL-R, and PAI. It is an exemplary presentation of conceptual, clinical, empirical, and procedural information. The authors dispel many myths associated with female criminality. The 80-page chapter on bias in clinical and forensic assessment is a detailed compendium that, in one dense chapter, brings together the disparate literature on the role of the examiner in the assessment process. Chapter 3 grounds the empirical studies in the rich clinical and conceptual literature, including the work of Robert Hare and Otto Kernberg, describing dynamics of malignant hysteria, paranoia, and hysterical/borderline personality disorder based on over 75 PCL studies. The book is full of psychological test data and case material that links scientific assessment to real life behavior. Of greatest interest is the linkage of psychological test data (the book has many tables), and applications of the Rorschach Test (Comprehensive System) to forensic psychological assessment. The Rorschach Test as the authors' preeminent dependent measure is grounded on 40 years of research in the early studies of Carl Gacono, Reid Meloy, and others.

The coverage is detailed, well organized, encyclopedic and a great joy for mavens of the scientist-practitioner model of clinical and forensic assessment, including appendices with rich descriptions of prototypic female psychopathy and an adaptation of the PCL-R interview schedule adapted for women. The rich and detailed data inform clinical, conceptual, and forensic applications for the expert witness. Highly recommended

# PSYCHOANALYSIS AND PROJECTIVE METHODS IN PERSONALITY ASSESSMENT

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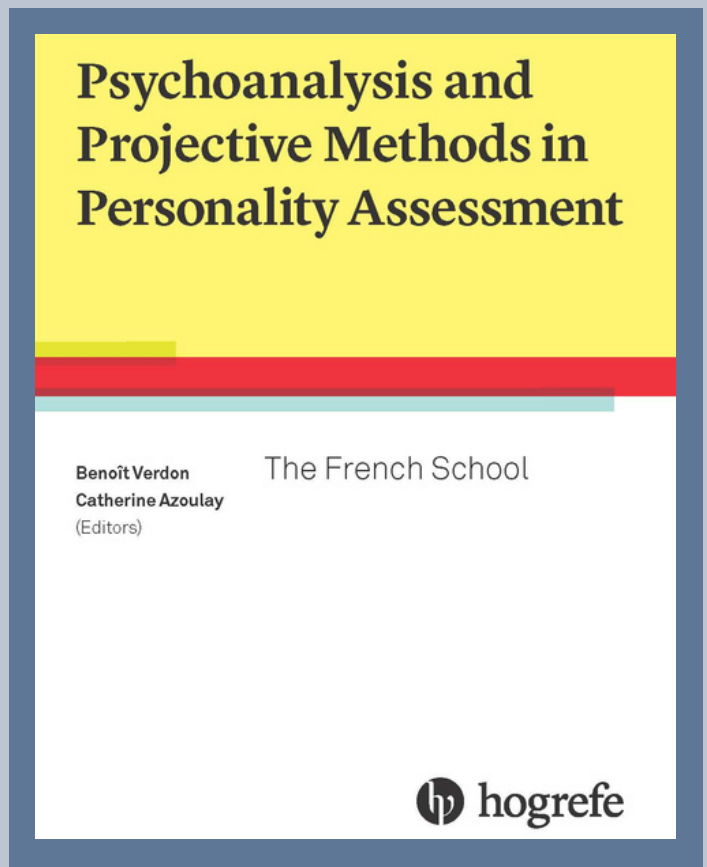
## *Book Review byTevfika İkiz*

This 213-page book, which was published in 2020, primarily fills an important gap in the literature. The book consists of two sections. The first is devoted to theories and methods. It has sub-sections that include theoretical explanations written by five clinical psychologists and psychoanalysts who have conducted many studies in the field of projective tests as members of the French-Speaking Society of Rorschach and Projective Methods. In the second section, clinical applications and case studies are discussed by nine authors. Since its establishment, the French School has progressed significantly by enhancing the coexistence of psychopathology and psychoanalytic theory continuously in the interpretation of projective tests. Projective methodology becomes increasingly efficient in the field of both clinical practice and research in psychopathology. The fact that 'the diagnosis' has come into prominence in clinical practice, whether it is psychoanalytic, psychiatric, or psychopathological, is one of the indicators of this efficiency. The diagnosis becomes even more important in understanding how the person's psychic life functions, how she/he experiences and deals with psychic problems, and how she/he is relieved from the pain. Based on this idea, we see in the book that the authors discuss, by using projective tests, today's psychopathologies, and concepts such as self-representation, narcissism, thought processes, pre-psychosis, traumas, bipolar problematics, psychosomatic functioning, and mentalization both in terms of psycho-diagnosis and also their reflections in therapeutic practice with children, adolescents, adults, and geriatric population.

Another noteworthy aspect is that the projective tests -Rorschach and TAT- are complementary; while Rorschach mainly focuses on problematics such as self-representation and identity, TAT gives more information about object relations. It is essential to study the different aspects of one's psychic functioning in-depth with both tests. Another important chapter in the book examines the standardization of the Rorschach test, which cannot be considered independent of culture, in France. This also provides an important opportunity for norm studies and comparative research in other cultures.

## IT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED THAT PROJECTIVE TESTS ARE AT THE SERVICE OF BOTH THE REALITY PRINCIPLE AND THE PHANTASMATIC WORLD

In the book, while the authors handle various psychopathologies and explain the psychic functioning depending on the psychoanalytic model, they preserve what is unique for each individual. This is the most valuable aspect of the approach that the French School has. It should be considered that projective tests are at the service of both the reality principle and the phantasmatic world. Projective test practitioners who read this book will have a broad knowledge of the French school based on psychoanalytic interpretation and will have the opportunity to conduct in-depth research in their fields of study. We can easily observe in the book that the Paris School has a lively and dynamic clinical practice, constantly improving itself and enriching the 'questioning' with research. The book, in which the projective tests are explained with "psychoanalytic listening", will guide the professionals in the areas of both clinical assessments and treatments (the therapeutic project). In addition, this book, in which the psychoanalytically oriented projective tests are explained in the most comprehensive way in English, will allow the reader to better comprehend both psychoanalytic psychopathology and projective tests.



# Lieber Herr Kollege! Correspondence between Hermann Rorschach and Walter Morgenthaller, [Italian translation from French by Tiziana Sola]

*Book Review by Massimo Saccà. Member of the Board,  
Italian Rorschach Association*

The Italian translation of the correspondence between the two Swiss psychiatrists H. Rorschach and W. Morgenthaller in the period from 1919 to 1921, year of the publication of the Rorschach test, is in print, edited by Tiziana Sola. Translation deriving from the French version edited in 1999 by Anne Andronikof. Thus, an important historical reconstruction of the complex genesis of its publication becomes available to the Italian scholars of the famous projective test. Thanks to the critical commentary texts that complete this translation, the volume also constitutes, in a certain way, a training tool for a deeper understanding of the context and the spirit in which the famous test was conceived. The friendship between Rorschach and Morgenthaller flourished in the scientific environment of the Swiss Society of Psychiatry and cultivated later during a period of common stay in the Bernese clinic in Waldau. It was the basis of a long discussion, witnessed in these letters, on the way to publish the Rorschach test of "fortuitous spots" through the support and mediation of Morgenthaller with the publisher Ernst Bircher, advisor to the small publishing house in Bern. The precious correspondence is accompanied by a lively portrait of Rorschach, proposed by Maria Armezzani in the Presentation, by a substantial critical Introduction by Tiziana Sola which analyzes the fundamental categories of Rorschachian research, and by a rich historical and cultural margin note by Filippo Maria Ferro. The text of the translation is also accompanied by a detailed set of critical notes. The volume ends with the "Impossible interview" to Hermann Rorschach written by Sola and Armezzani, already represented in 2011 at a National Conference of the Italian Rorschach Society. Fundamental themes are touched throughout the volume, including Rorschach's relationship with psychoanalysis, the conception of the perceptual universe with which the tables are built, the multiplicity of humanistic interests, from art to anthropology, which turn Rorschach's interest towards understanding the peculiar experiences of individuals.





# INTRAMONTABILE RORSCHACH, IERI, OGGI, DOMANI

Edited by Tiziana Sola

***Book Review by Doriana Dipaola. Member of the Board,  
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Scientific text, bringing together the contributions presented in the International Conference, held in 2019 at the University of Padua, to commemorate the centenary of the birth of the Rorschach test. The authors, from different theoretical perspectives, dialogue and explore the philosophical, psychoanalytical and anthropological reasons for the longevity and still living topicality of the Rorschach test. The text also focuses on current research and its meeting points with clinical experience. The emphasis on fruitful, two-way exchange between clinic and research promotes an important reflection on old and new contexts of test application, on the intersection between projective psychology and other psychological disciplines and opens up to considerations on contemporary psychopathology.



The Soundblot is the exclusive podcast of the International Society for Rorschach and Projective Methods. Featuring exclusive interviews, the Soundblot wishes to contribute to the oral storytelling tradition by taking ISR members on a personal encounter with notable Rorschach and Projective Methods experts. We want our listeners to hear our guests relate stories and discussions about their research, theories, practice, and collaborative experiences that have changed their lives and the landscape of the Rorschach and Projective Methods field. From history to the most modern research findings, history and clinical cases that are re-shaping the field, our guests will answer your questions, teach, challenge, surprise, and inspire you.



**Matilde Raez, President Peruvian Rorschach Society, interviewed by Fernando Silberstein (ESPAÑOL).**

*Music score "Out at Sea" by Angela Paulson. Zapslat.com*

*This podcast introduces us to the fascinating professional history of Dr. Raez and the experiences that shaped her love for the Rorschach. [48.26 min]*

*En este podcast conoceremos mas acerca de la fascinante historia profesional of Dr. Raez y las experiencias que la llevaron a ser amante del Rorschach.*



**Giselle Hass, The Bulletin Editor, interviewed by Fernando Silberstein. (ENGLISH)**

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In this podcast we learn more about our Bulletin Editor's professional experiences that marked her interest in projective/performance-based assessment.[15:51 min]

**Giselle Hass, Editora del Boletín, entrevistada por Fernando Silberstein (ESPAÑOL)**

En este podcast escucharemos mas acerca de las experiencias de la Editora del Boletín de ISR, las cuales marcaron su interés en evaluaciones basadas en pruebas proyectivas/de desempeño. [18:01 min]

**Reneau Kennedy, interviewed by Giselle Hass about a drop of Rorschach's history (ENGLISH)**

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Reneau Kennedy speaks about her life-long interest in the history of the Rorschach and the fortuitous events that she has experienced in her search for the background of the Rorschach in the United States. She spoke about the roots in Germany with The First Inkblot, the work in the 1850's moving very briefly thru survey to how the Rorschach came to America though David Levy, MD in 1924-25. [28:36 min]



***This podcast launches the series that will narrate the inkblot history across time, languages, cultures, and regions.***

# WHO IS WHO

THIS SECTION IS DEDICATED TO HIGHLIGHTING INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS WHO, WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF A LOCAL ORGANIZATION, ARE FERVENT RORSCHACH FOLLOWERS AND CONTINUOUSLY MAKE EFFORTS TO ADVANCE THE DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF THE RORSCHACH AND PROJECTIVE METHODS. TO THEM OUR DEEPEST APPRECIATION.



## SUKANYA RAY

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I am Sukanya Ray, a clinical psychologist, trauma therapist and faculty at the School of Human Ecology, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai (India). Having been taught by the best trainers of Rorschach during my training at the National Institute of Mental Health And Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS) at Bangalore, India, projective tests, especially the Rorschach has been a go-to tool for clinical exploration of clients' psychic landscape. NIMHANS itself has done phenomenal work with the Rorschach, with Dr. Anisha Shah, under whose tutelage I forayed into the Rorschach landscape. Since the past many decades now, faculty at the Dept of Clinical Psychology, NIMHANS have contextualized Rorschach popular responses through series of rigorous research and clinical practice. In my practice spanning 15+ years now, the Rorschach has been the one test which I have used for almost every referral that involved diagnostic clarification. Having been trained in the Klopfer system at NIMHANS, I taught myself Exner's Comprehensive System after my training, especially during my tenure as a clinical psychologist at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Bhopal (India). Being the first clinical psychologist at AIIMS Bhopal, I had the responsibility of setting up clinical services including projective testing for adults and children. During my time at AIIMS Bhopal, I conducted close to 250 assessments in the duration of 3 years. During this time, I also taught projective tests, including the Thematic Apperception Test and Rorschach to students at different universities, keeping in mind the manner in which I was taught projective tests – the philosophy that projective testing needs to be respected as a clinical power of sorts. Being keenly interested in the brain-behavior link, both Klopfer and Exner's basis of Rorschach responses being the product of a covert decision-making process appealed to me strongly.

I was fascinated by the similarities in responses with traumagenic accounts of clients. In what seems obvious now, but not at that time for me, I noticed that clients would need the space to stabilize after projective tests – it seemed like the psyche had participated in some major heavy lifting. I became trauma-informed when I noticed the affective, somatic and cognitive symptoms that would often surface after intensive history-taking or projective testing sessions. As I entered into the mesmerizing world of trauma therapy, the responses that had intrigued me all these years, as “underlying psychosis” spoke to me, as psychic manifestations of trauma recall. I joined TISS Mumbai in 2018 and soon after received my trainings in EMDR, Neurofeedback and Clinical Hypnosis. I also got trained in Interpersonal Neurobiology, Internal Family Systems and somatic therapies. Even though I have been groomed in the culture of yoga since a tender age, it was only after my exposure to trauma training, that the true nature of mind-body integration in psychotherapy made sense. My interest in conceptualizing a comprehensive foundational training in trauma therapy deepened – to create an intensive course that helped shape practitioners to become trauma-focused in their work. At the beginning of the pandemic in 2020, I started conducting webinars on Trauma Therapy which eventually took the shape of a one year Post Graduate Diploma in Trauma Focused Therapy that I developed at TISS Mumbai. The course is an intensive and comprehensive take on the trauma perspective, that also has a strong emphasis on reflective practice in a trauma informed manner. A year later I conceptualized another shorter course – a six-month Certificate course in Trauma Informed Care for various cadres of health professionals, including doctors and nurses.

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The collective trauma of the pandemic has deeply moved me, to research, understand and respect the many threads of human existence through adversities. It led to two important research projects at the School of Human Ecology – one longitudinal study exploring the long-term effects of the pandemic, both in terms of traumatic stress and adaptation, using machine learning algorithms, and the other one being on community-driven interventions for healthcare workers. The second project garnered the UNICEF-The George Institute India Health Accelerator Fellowship and is currently running its course. Adapting to the demands imposed by the pandemic, the courses I created had to be completely online, as also other courses which I was teaching at TISS, including psychological assessments. The Position Statement of ISR that clarified the need to conduct online assessments with Rorschach with more clinical sensitivity and awareness, was instrumental for us to innovate the way we had been teaching Rorschach and other projective tests to our students. Integrating Rorschach findings with implicit signs of trauma recall is my emerging area of interest.

As a clinician, I find myself having become more trauma informed while conducting projective testing, knowing the sheer power of these tools, now more than ever. At the same time, I find that projective tests, especially Rorschach, offer the specificity and comprehensive landscape from where the trauma therapist may develop an intuitive understanding of the trauma-focus of treatment. The recent reviews in Rorschachiana on Trauma & the Rorschach, the Dissociative Index proposed by Labott have inspired me to start looking at Rorschach protocols from the trauma lens. I am currently pursuing this deeply intriguing topic in one of my research projects. I hope to share some of these emerging findings at an annual conference of ISR in the near future.





# RORSCHACHIANA NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS


***By Filippo Achieri***  
***Rorschachiana Editor***

The process of reinforcing the scientific status of Rorschach users by publishing convincing studies on the Rorschach in Rorschachiana is moving forward. The "Centenary Issue" contains comprehensive reviews of Rorschach's research results in different clinical fields, from the assessment of thought and communication disturbances to eating disorders, trauma, violent crime, and the effect of psychotherapy.

The first issue of 2022 aligns very interesting papers: An experimental study on the fluctuations (or lack of) Rorschach codes due to temporary emotional states, the results of a survey about "in which contexts and why do people use the Rorschach," the comparison of different Rorschach methods in the interpretation of a case, and an essay on the relationship between color determinants and affect.

The goal of making Rorschachiana available and interesting to a larger readership is ongoing: The centenary issue contains a commentary for each Rorschach paper written by authors that - besides being in some cases also Rorschach experts - are mainly clinicians and researchers who work in the specific field of the article. The first issue of 2022 will hopefully be interesting to readers not only interested in the Rorschach but also to those interested in subliminal priming (the method used in the first study), to those who are interested in the politics and the social development of the community of Rorschach users, and to clinicians interested in different theoretical backgrounds to understand a man hospitalized with severe psychopathology that was difficult to disentangle without the test. Historians and readers interested in anthropology and neuroscience will find interesting the essay on "why" color determinants and affect are related.

The next issue, the second of 2022, will contain papers on new insights and understandings that Rorschach users can gain from other disciplines.

To date, some new submissions are coming in for the first issue of 2023. However, there is still room for more manuscripts. Feel free to write me ([filippo.aschieri@unicatt.it](mailto:filippo.aschieri@unicatt.it)) if you have questions about the suitability of a manuscript to be submitted to Rorschachiana! 

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