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**Do We Dare Disturb Ourselves: Mutual Psychoanalytic Relations [MPR], a needed change in conference-space**

In this paper I suggest a radical change in the nature and form of psychoanalytic conference, based on implementation of Mutual Psychoanalytic Relations, rather than traditional presenter-audience relations.

Since its very beginning, psychoanalysis failed to develop its own tradition of Presentation, and most of the time conference-space dialogue is empty and bares neither danger nor desire.

Historical symbiosis between personal and organizational fears and difficulties, has led to a conference-space developmental trajectory that shaped psychoanalytic conference-space as based on adaptive mimicry [of non-psychoanalytic traditions] rather than on creative authenticity [of a psychoanalytic tradition], turning psychoanalytic conference into a non-psychoanalytic space.

This failure created a damaging schism between clinical and conference spaces, thus deteriorating psychoanalytic knowledge and understanding of theory practice and technique.

The present paper suggests a continuity of Mutual-Psychoanalytic-Relations [MPR] in both clinical and conference dialogues: the analyst's responsibility to create and maintain MPR with a patient in clinical-space, has to be continued and developed in conference-space, in his double role as presenter and audience. Talking about this, I'll discuss some of the accumulated experience of working with Judith Vida, in the frame of the Autobiographical-Dialogue Seminars and lectures; I'll suggest some professional guide-lines and ethical standards, and I'll try to demonstrate MPR in practice as we move from psychoanalytic presentation to psychoanalytic conversation

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