



The 10th Frances Tustin International Conference 2026

Absence, Presence, Excess in Primitive Mental States: clinical challenges

São Paulo, July 30 to August 1, 2026

Pre-conference activities: July 29, 2026

The conference is a cooperation between The Frances Tustin Memorial Trust (FTMT), The Brazilian Society of Psychoanalysis of São Paulo, The Psychoanalytic Society of Rio de Janeiro and Prisma Group of Psychoanalysis and Autism

Venue: SBPSP Brazilian Society of Psychoanalysis of São Paulo
Address: Av. Dr. Cardoso de Melo, 1450
(with 4 complementary rooms at Station Training Center)

Wednesday, 29.7.2026 - Pre conference activities at SBPSP:

13:00-14:00	Filmed Lecture with Frances Tustin: <i>The Dread of Dissolution</i>
14:15-15:00	Filmed Lecture with Frances Tustin: <i>Further Thoughts on Autistic Shapes and Their Relation to Adults Pathology</i>
15:00-15:15	Short Break
15:15-16:45	Chair: Joel Miller (Israel) Filmed interview with Frances Tustin and in-person meeting with Prof. Didier Houzel (France) - the interviewer Liana Pinto Chaves (Brazil) – translator
16:45-17:30	Special Sandwiches at SBPSP + live music with Brazilian Psychoanalysts – Foyer, 9th floor

17:30-19:00

Chair: Vera Regina Fonseca (Brazil)

Seminar presenting main ideas in Frances Tustin's theoretical and clinical thinking – Ehud Wolpe (Israel)

Liana Pinto Chaves - translator

19:30-21:30

Parallel clinical seminars (separate registration is required), **at SBPSP, supervised by:**

Dr. Vera Regina Fonseca (Brazil) – in English – child or adult case

Alícia Beatriz Dorado de Lisondo (Brazil) – in Spanish with help in Portuguese – child case

Dr. Jeanne Magagna (UK) – in English – child case

Dr. Chiara Cattelan (Italy) – in English – autistic child case

Dr. Nilofer Kaul (India) – in English – adult case

Alina Schellekes (Israel) – in English – adult case

Thursday, 30.7.2026

8:00-9:00 – Registration

9:00-9:30 – Opening of the conference

Chair: Dr. Maria Thereza de Barros França (Brazil)

Speakers: Magda Guimarães Khouri (Brazil) – **President of The Brazilian Society of Psychoanalysis of São Paulo**

Marisa Helena Leite Monteiro (Brazil) – **President of The Psychoanalytic Society of Rio de Janeiro**

Dr. Mariângela Mendes de Almeida (Brazil) – **Brazilian organizing committee of the conference**

Alina Schellekes (Israel) – **Chair of The Frances Tustin Memorial Trust**

9:30-11:15 – Chair: Dr. Maria Thereza de Barros França (Brazil)

Keynote Lecture – Dr. Izelinda Garcia de Barros (Brazil) – *Primary Symbolization – A Shared Field in Autistic Spectrum Disorders and Narcissistic–Identity Sufferings* (in Portuguese with simultaneous translation into English and Spanish)

11:15-11:45 – Coffee break

11:45-13:30 – Chair: Dr. Vera Regina Fonseca (Brazil)

Keynote lecture – Alina Schellekes (Israel): *Arid Mental Landscapes and Avid Cravings for Human Contact - Beckettian and analytic narratives* (in English with simultaneous translation into Portuguese and Spanish)

13:45-15:00 – Lunch, included and served at Seu Clemente Restaurant

15:15-17:00 – Parallel Lectures:

- 1. Chair: Alícia Beatriz Dorado de Lisondo** (Brazil)
Lecture: Dr. Marie Christine Laznik (France): *When a baby is required to complete 1000 km every week* (in English + help in Portuguese; the videos shown will have Portuguese subtitles)
- 2. Chair: Dr. Regina Elisabeth Lordello Coimbra** (Brazil)
Lecture: Prof. Taiza Stumpp (Brazil): *Epigenetics, genetics and psychic constitution: reality, possibilities and perspectives* (Portuguese and English)
- 3. Chair: Ehud Wolpe** (Israel)
Lecture: Dr. Chiara Cattelan (Italy): *From prematurity to the emergence of self - The analyst's position in favoring or hindering the process* (English)
- 4. Chair: Dr. Mariângela Mendes de Almeida** (Brazil)
Lecture: Marisa Helena Leite Monteiro (Prisma - Brazil) and **Dr. Alice Fung Ko** (Hong Kong, China): *Assessing psychic development with PRISMA: a transcultural application* (English)
- 5. Chair: Micky Bhatia** (India)
Lecture: Joel Miller (Israel): *WHATSAPP - The Marsupial Space* (English)
- 6. Chair: Margareta Hargitay** (Venezuela)
Lecture: Karina Hackembruch (Uruguay): *Aesthetic co-creation within*

clinical work: sensory-emotional resonance and immersion in excess and chaos (Spanish)

7. **Chair: Liana Pinto Chaves** (Brazil)
Lecture: Anat Schumann (Israel): ***Between sublime beauty and the darkness of sewers - On claustrophobic states of mind and the sexualization of the inaccessible*** (English)
8. **Chair: Carolina El Mann** (Brazil)
Lecture: Prof. Jonathan Delafield-Butt (UK, Scotland): ***Motor Disruption to the Core Self in Autism*** (English) (to be confirmed)

18:00 – Cultural Program

Play and Music performance with children and professionals from PROJETO QUIXOTE

Chorus of Psychoanalysts: Brazilian music by CORAL DE TODOS OS CANTOS

Friday, 31.7.2026

9:00-10:45 – Chair: Joel Miller (Israel)

Keynote lecture – Dr. Nilofer Kaul (India): ***“The Breaking of so great a thing should make a greater crack”***: ***Mapping the hyperbolic*** (in English with simultaneous translation into Portuguese and Spanish)

10:45-11:15 – Coffee Break

11:15-13:00 – Chair: Alina Schellekes (Israel)

Keynote lecture – Dr. Patrick Miller (France): ***The Sexual solution to the deadening of the mind*** (in English with simultaneous translation into Portuguese and Spanish)

13:15-14:30 – Lunch, included and served at Seu Clemente Restaurant

14:45-16:45 – Clinical Seminars

1. **Prof. Didier Houzel** (France) – child case (preferably autistic spectrum) – English
2. **Dr. Patrick Miller** (France) – adult case – English
3. **Alina Schellekes** (Israel) – adult case – English
4. **Dr. Nilofer Kaul** (India) – adult case – English
5. **Joel Miller** (Israel) – child or adult case – English
6. **Célia Fix Korbivcher** (Brazil) – adolescent case – Portuguese
7. **Paulo Duarte Guimarães Filho** (Brazil) – autistic child – English
8. **Micky Bhatia** (India) – adult case – English
9. **Dr. Mariângela Mendes de Almeida** (Prisma – Brazil) – Clinical workshop: Building up a prismatic profile of psychic functioning: autistic interfaces – child case – Portuguese/Spanish
10. **Prof. Alícia Beatriz Dorado de Lisondo and Dr. Regina Elisabeth Lordello Coimbra** (Brazil) – Discussion of a case from a psychoanalytic socio-educational approach, as practiced in Ateliescola Acaia (São Paulo) – Portuguese/Spanish

19:30 – Festive Dinner (specific location to be announced; separate registration, see registration form)

Saturday, August 1, 2026

9:00-10:45 – Chair: Debora Regina Unikowski (Brazil)

Keynote Lecture – Prof. Didier Houzel (France): *Absence or excess of the paternal pole in autistic pathology* (in English with simultaneous translation into Portuguese and Spanish)

10:45-11:15 – Coffee break

11:15-13:00 – Chair: Marisa Helena Leite Monteiro (Brazil)

Keynote Lecture – Joshua Durban (USA/Israel): *Some observations regarding autistic grief and mourning* (online) (in English with simultaneous translation into Portuguese and Spanish)

13:00-14:00 – Closing of the Conference

Closing remarks: Brazilian organizing committee + Frances Tustin Memorial Trust

Audio Visual Clip

17:00 “Roda de Samba” music at Instituto Çarê, São Paulo

Rua Dr. Avelino Chaves 138, Vila Leopoldina.

The keynote lectures in English, and the discussions following thereafter, will have simultaneous translation into Portuguese and Spanish. The keynote lecture in Portuguese, on Thursday, and the discussion following thereafter, will have simultaneous translation into English and Spanish. The written text of all lectures will be available in English, Portuguese and Spanish.

More details and registration: www.tustinsaopaulo.org

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