First International Conference on Work Discussion
Vienna from June 10 - 12th 2016

Let's talk about work!
Work Discussion in practice and research

Registration link:

Program of the Conference
(valid from May 30th, 2016)

Friday, 10th June 2016
International Work Discussion groups and welcome reception

2:00 pm – 6:00 pm
International Work Discussion groups at various locations in Vienna in English and German

  2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
  Work Discussion groups - Session 1

  3:30 pm – 4:00 pm
  Break

  4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
  Work Discussion groups - Session 2

  5:30 pm – 6:00 pm
  Reflection of the day

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Welcome reception at the University of Vienna
Saturday, 11th June 2016
Paper presentations and discussions at the University of Vienna I

9:00 am - 10.30 pm
Plenary session – Main Venue: Kleiner Festsaal
Chair: Michael Rustin

Margaret Rustin, Trudy Klauber, Gertraud Diem-Wille, Agnes Turner, Wilfried Datler
“Work Discussion – origins, aims and recent developments”

10:30 am - 11.00 am
Coffee & tea break

11:00 am - 12:30 pm
Parallel sessions A

Parallel Session A.1 – Main Venue: Kleiner Festsaal
Chair: Agnes Turner, AT

Maria Fürstaller, Nina Hover-Reisner, Antonia Funder, AT
„Work Discussion and the development of mentalizing capacities of nursery teachers“

Peter Elfer, Katy Dearnley, Dily Wilson, Kathryn Fenton, UK
„Work Discussion in English nurseries - Reflecting on their contribution so far and issues in developing their aims, processes and assessment of impact in a climate of austerity and intense audit”

Parallel session A.2 – Venue: HS 32
Chair: Biddy Youell, UK

Angelina Trelles Fischman, UK
“The Evolution of a Staff Group in the National Health Service: Work Discussion Group”

Neil Austin, UK
“The setting up and first six months of a new Work Discussion group in a highly specialist pediatric inpatient hospital”

Parallel Session A.3 – Venue: Erika Weinzierl Room
Chair: Irmtraud Sengschmied, AT

Alba Greco, IT
“In the kitchen and around the table: On the way towards commensal relationships – An autonomy project for youths with learning disabilities”

12.30 pm - 2.00 pm
Break for lunch
Saturday, 11th June 2016
Paper presentations and discussions at the University of Vienna II

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Parallel sessions B

*Parallel Session B.1 - Main Venue: Kleiner Festsaal*
*Chair: Trudy Klauber, UK*

**Agnes Turner, Ina Paul-Horn, AT**
"Work Discussion within Research - Applying Work Discussion within an Interdisciplinary Doctorate Program in Austria"

**Rajni Sharma, UK**
"Thinking about the group in Work Discussion"

*Parallel Session B.2 – Venue: HS 32*
*Chair: Kornelia Steinhardt, AT*

**David Zimmermann, Christoph Müller, DE**
"Work Discussion as an approach in teachers’ training to broaden relationship competences: potentials and limitations"

**Margaret Moore, UK**
"Setting up and running a new work discussion group for peripatetic teachers of vulnerable children"

*Parallel Session B.3 – Venue: Erika Weinzierl Room*
*Chair: Helga Reiter, AT*

**Barbara Lehner, AT**
„Work Discussion in working with large groups“

**Patrizia Vitali, IT**
"Work Discussion - A methodology to embrace (meditate on) the efforts of nursery schools' educators."

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Coffee & tea break

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
Plenary session – Main Venue: Kleiner Festsaal
*Chair: Margaret Rustin, UK*

**Lydia Hartland-Rowe, UK**
"Lost in translation: the application of a psychoanalytic framework through Work Discussion"

**Simone M.G.Adamo, Flavia Portanova, Myriam Ombrato, IT**
"To consult, to train, to research: The many facets of Work Discussion methodology"

6:00 pm - open end
Evening program (casual):
Sightseeing by tram and dinner at a typical Viennese wine tavern
Sunday, 12th June 2016
Paper presentations and discussions at the University of Vienna III

9:00 am – 10:45 am
Plenary session – Main Venue: Kleiner Festsaal
Chair: Simonetta Adamo, IT

Michael Rustin, Geraldine Crehan, UK
“Anxieties about knowing in the context of Work Discussion”

Trudy Klauber, Emil Jackson, UK
“How to become a Work Discussion seminar leader”

Gertraud Diem-Wille, AT
Discussant

10:45 am – 11:15 am
Coffee & tea break

11:15 am – 12:45 pm
Parallel sessions C

Parallel Session C.1 - Main Venue: Kleiner Festsaal
Chair: Peter Elfer, UK

Margit Datler, Wilfried Datler, Michael Wininger, AT
“Evaluating the impact of Work Discussion on the adaption of psychoanalytic skills and attitudes – a challenge”

Bernhard Rauh, Tillmann Kreuzer, DE
“Teacher training between idealization and de-idealization of inclusive practice”

Parallel Session C.2 - Venue: Erika Weinzierl Room
Chair: Gertraud Diem-Wille, AT

Martin Engelberg, AT
“Work Discussion groups in leadership development programs”

12:45 pm – 1:00 pm
Break – coffee, tea and refreshments

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
Final plenary session – Main Venue: Kleiner Festsaal
Chair: Biddy Youell, UK

“What have we learnt at the 1st International Conference on Work Discussion in Vienna?”

Closing of the conference