

NARRATIVE PERSPECTIVES IN COUNSELLING

Saturday, June 17th & Sunday, June 18th 2023
University of Cologne, Germany

INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE



Jill Freedman & Gene Combs (USA) are Co-Directors of Evanston Family Therapy Center, as well as founding members of the Chicago Center for Family Health, an independent affiliate of the University of Chicago. Internationally recognized for their advances in narrative theory and training, they received the 2009 Award for Innovative Contribution to Family Therapy from the American Family Therapy Academy (AFTA).



Kenneth Gergen (USA) is a major figure in the development of social constructionist theory and its applications to practices of social change. He also lectures widely on contemporary issues in cultural life, including the self, technology, postmodernism, the civil society, organizational change, developments in psychotherapy, educational practices, aging, and political conflict. He has served as the President of two divisions of the American Psychological Association, the Division on Theoretical and Philosophical Psychology, and on Psychology and the Arts.



David Denborough (Australia) works as a community practitioner, teacher and writer/editor for Dulwich Centre, Adelaide. He also writes for the theatre. Recent teaching/community assignments have included Palestine, Thailand, Israel, Bosnia, Rwanda, Uganda, Canada, Brazil, Argentina, Chile, South Africa and a number of Aboriginal Australian communities. He is vitally interested in avoiding psychological colonisation, developing forms of practice relevant to the most marginalised, and in cross-cultural inventions through cross-cultural partnerships.



Yehuda & Amira Bar Shalom (Israel) conducted extensive research on the narratives of social entrepreneurs in Israel who strive to bring together populations in conflict. His multidisciplinary approach draws from the fields of counseling, cognitive behavioral therapy (David Burns' TEAM CBT) and psychological anthropology. He formerly served as president of Hebraica University in Mexico City and is the Head of the Masters in Educational Counseling at the Ramat Gan Academic College in Israel. Amira Bar Shalom is an expert in intercultural counseling and experiential learning. Amira has conducted extensive research on the Hand in Hand School in Jerusalem, which brings together Jewish and Arab students with an attempt to operate within a paradigm of inclusion and equality.



Denise Ritter (Germany) is the former coordinator of the Centre for Higher Education and research assistant of the Deanery of Human Sciences of the University of Cologne, since 2010 working as a freelance therapist, coach, author and artist. Focused on dynamic life design and inventor of the mobile of life®, a creative method to (re)align life and inner narratives.



Workshop-Sessions with Mario Fernández Alameda (Spain), Ivana Paunovic (Serbia), Alina Olishchuk (Ukraine), Tanya Anistratenko (Russia), Yehuda & Amira Bar Shalom (Israel), Denise Ritter (Germany) and Robert Baum (Germany)

Saturday, June 17th

10AM-10:45AM: Opening in the Auditorium, Faculty of the Humanities, University of Cologne

11AM-1PM: Parallel Workshops

- **A1:** „Das Mobile of Life®: Arbeiten mit innerem Narrativ und Lebensentwurf“ (Denise Ritter, Germany) (german)
- **A2:** „Erzählungen im System – Narrative Perspektiven in der systemischen Beratung“ (Robert Baum, Germany) (german)
- **A3:** „Experiencing the importance of the „invisible“. A narrative metaphor of reality in human relationships“ (Mario Fernández Alameda, Spain) (english)
- **A4:** „Narrative Perspectives in Business Communications“ (Tanya Anistratenko, Russia) (english)

2:30PM-4:30PM: Parallel Workshops

- **B1:** „Das Mobile of Life®: Arbeiten mit innerem Narrativ und Lebensentwurf“ (Denise Ritter, Germany) (german)
- **B2:** „Working with displaced people: their self-expression through narratives and art“ (Alina Olishchuk, Ukraine) (english)
- **B3:** „Retelling our stories: how effective measurement, empathy, paradoxical agenda setting and adequate therapeutic techniques can bring clients to reexamine the stories that they tell themselves“ (Yehuda & Amira Bar Shalom, Israel) (english)
- **B4:** „Let your Self tell you a story: Basic emotional competence as a pen for writing authentic life stories“ (Ivana Paunovic, Serbia) (english)

8:30PM-10PM: Open discussion

„The role of counselling in times of peace and war“ with Alina Olishchuk (Ukraine), Yehuda Bar Shalom (Israel), Tanya Anistratenko (Russia), Dirk Rohr (Germany) and more

Sunday, June 18th

9:00AM: Opening in the Auditorium, Faculty of the Humanities, University of Cologne

9:15 AM-10AM: David Denborough (Australia)

Narrative Perspectives in Counselling and Community Work (live via video call)

10AM-1PM: Jill Freedman & Gene Combs (USA)

Narrative Therapy: A Personal History

2:30PM-3PM: Denise Ritter (Germany)

The Mobile of Life®: a creative way to transform inners narratives – and life!

3PM-3:30PM: Yehuda & Amira Bar Shalom (Israel)

Integrating humanistic, TEAM CBT, motivational and narrative approaches in effective counseling

3:45PM-5PM: Kenneth Gergen (USA)

Constructing Worlds: Narrative and Beyond (live via video call)

Monday, June 19th & Tuesday, June 20th

Post-Conference-Workshop
„Introduction to Narrative Therapy“ with Jill Freedman & Gene Combs (USA)

All participants receive a free copy of the book „**Counselling in Europe**“ by Dirk Rohr (Carl Auer publishing)

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Conference (Sat./Sun.)

Regular: 150€
Discounted (Students): 50€

Post-Conference-Workshop with Jill Freedman & Gene Combs (Mon./Tues.)

Regular: 270€

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