

# THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN SYSTEMIC AND PSYCHOANALYTIC THERAPIES

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This two day workshop will show, particularly through case illustrations of physical/sexual abuse and marital problems, how systemic and psychodynamic therapies are complementary view-points which combine to give a depth perception of cases, and to multiply opportunities for meaningful intervention. A consistent focus will be the actualities of everyday practice, the development of viable therapeutic relationships and appropriate theory with clients with serious difficulties, as opposed to the 'magic moments' so often presented in workshops.

The workshop will emphasise:

- the parallels in the psychoanalytic and systemic movements
- history, chance, and context in language and therapeutic results
- the role of time and the person of the therapist in the therapeutic equation
- the limitations of constructivism, and the conversational and narrative mode
- encouragement of participants' individual visions of 'the therapeutic'

*Dr Paul Gibney is an inspiring , entertaining speaker who combines a thorough grasp of theory and an irreverent independence of thought to develop ingenious, humane therapy. His creativity, warmth, and informality go hand in hand with careful preparation and a sensitive commitment to the therapeutic craft. A psychotherapist and social worker in private practice in Brisbane, he is among the most prominent and talented of the family therapists in this country, has written widely and taught nationally and internationally. Paul's recently completed doctorate, entitled "The post-modern science description of the therapeutic domain", dealt explicitly with many of the themes covered in this workshop.*

**Dates:** Friday, November 12 & Saturday, November 13. Time: 9.00am – 5.00pm.

**Venue:** Mitchell Human Sciences Building, Australian Catholic University  
17 Castlebar Road, Oakleigh, Vic. (next to the Chadstone Shopping Centre)

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- Individual** ..... \$175
- Group:** 5 or more from the same agency, training program or dept. – (post jointly) ..... \$170
- Full time student:** who is not in full time employment  
(limited places available & must provide a letter from head of department) ..... \$100
- Light lunch (@ \$5.00 per day – include in payment)** ..... \$ 10

Receipt of payment will be sent with a map.