

EDITORIAL

Welcome to the first issue of this, the twenty-sixth edition of Existential Analysis. We are delighted to be able to include a number of ground-breaking papers which we are confident will inspire theorists and practitioners alike. We open and close with two thought-provoking papers by Professor Ernesto Spinelli: The first of these is a paper invited by us, the Editors, to mark the occasion of the Journal's quarter century in 2014. The number of papers under consideration then meant that we were not able to publish it as planned, and so we are particularly pleased to include it now. In it, Spinelli explores the phenomenon of change, and in doing so, generates some very stimulating ideas. His second paper, with which we close this issue, continues and further develops reflection within our community on the nature of existential approaches to supervision.

A dozen other papers are to be found within these 'bookends': they include a brief contribution by Anthony Stadlen, convenor of the long-established Inner Circle Seminars, which introduces a remarkable longer paper by the author Hilary Mantel, adapted from the seminar she gave on the significance of Laing and Esterson's *Sanity, Madness and the Family*. Digby Tantam, George Berguno, and Andrew Miller address, respectively, the often disregarded contributions of female existential philosophers, the vital importance of maintaining wonder and reverence for phenomena when undertaking phenomenological enquiry, and what it might mean to love clients ethically. Each of these, apparently disparate, submissions seek to make us think deeply about the core values of existential-phenomenological practice. This theme continues with Rupert King's paper, which describes his encounter with the later essays of Heidegger, while Titos Florides explores the notion of 'self-harm' in light of Heideggerian and Kierkegaardian concepts of repetition.

We are also pleased to include a diverse selection of significant papers including Paul Wong's 'Meaning and Therapy', work by Voss, Cooper, Correia, & Craig 'Existential Therapies: A Review of their Scientific Foundations and Efficacy', Susan Signorelli's 'Cancer and Rorschach from an Existential Perspective', Ana Maria Lopez Calvo de Feijoo & Myriam Moreira Protasio's investigation of Kierkegaard's relevance to psychology and psychotherapy, and Sophie Caston's phenomenological exploration of the pre-verbal months of infancy.

Once again we include a number of enlightening book reviews; our thanks to Martin Adams who can be contacted if you are interested in reviewing any titles on the current book list.

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