

EDITORIAL

Welcome to Volume Two of the twenty-ninth edition of *Existential Analysis*. This Volume contains twelve papers which address a wide spectrum of existential theory and therapeutic practice.

We are very pleased to be able to open with the Keynote paper and a further three papers either presented at, or based on talks given at, the 2017 Society for Existential Analysis Annual Conference entitled ‘Naked and Dangerous’.

The existential perspective can be seen as a tree with many different roots, and the richness and diversity of some of these roots is illustrated by the other papers to be found here. One of these roots is psychoanalysis and the way Daseinsanalysis humanised and de-mechanised it. Another is philosophy, which weaves its way through all of the papers, but one paper takes an examination of Kierkegaard’s Knight of Faith as its point of departure. Another is the meaning of the spiritual, and this is represented in rather different ways by one of the last papers authored by Dr John Rowan and also by a paper on Buddhism. A final root represented here is that of the US Existential-Humanistic perspective of Dr James Bugental.

It also saddens us to note the death on 26 May of Dr John Rowan, who had a long association with the Society for Existential Analysis. He would, we feel, have been pleased with the continuing debate that the different views in this issue illustrate. We include two personal tributes from Professor Mick Cooper and Professor Ernesto Spinelli.

We close this volume, as usual, with a number of thought-provoking book reviews. Our thanks to Ondine Smulders for editing this section. Please do contact her if you would like to review any titles from our list of publications received for review.

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