

LOVE

in a hostile environment

*Thoughts on the young adult, the couple
and society in the world we live in*



KEY SPEAKERS

PHIL STOKOE and MARY MORGAN, UK

08.30 – 17.00

Saturday 15th October

ZOOM WEBINAR with Q&A

(all attendees online only)

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Heart, mixed media 1994
woodblock engraving:
Romeo visiting Juliet on her balcony
by Frank Dicksee, circa 1890

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08.00 – 9.00 Zoom login

09.00 – 9.10 Introduction and Welcome:
Dr Christine Hill

MORNING SESSIONS

09.15 – 10.45 Chair: Dr Timothy Keogh
MARY MORGAN

**LOVE, HATE AND OTHERNESS
IN INTIMATE RELATING**

I suggest that love, hate and curiosity about these emotions are part of a loving relationship and give life to the relationship. Hate arises from many sources: being with another who challenges our perceptions, facing the limitations of knowing and being known and understood by another and the painful disillusionment that can sometimes follow the ‘in love’ state. Not being able to bear the hate that is part of love can lead to hate going underground and having an insidious effect on the relationship, including a loss of intimacy.

10.45 – 11.15 Morning break

11.15 – 12.45 Chair: Ros Webb
PHIL STOKOE

**CLIMATE CHANGE, NATIONALISM, ACADEMIC
PRESSURE AND SOCIAL MEDIA; WHAT’S THE
IMPACT ON ADOLESCENT DEVELOPMENT?**

In the UK, Europe and the USA, there has been an increase in reported MH problems in adolescence. I shall describe the process of adolescent development to show the necessary environmental factors for successful achievement of adult state of mind. Then I shall demonstrate how modern, first world society creates an environment that actually harms adolescent development by creating an atmosphere that diminishes both love and curiosity.

12.45 – 14.00 Lunch break

AFTERNOON SESSIONS

14.00 – 15.30 Chair: Dr Paul Coombe
PHIL STOKOE

LOVE THROUGH THE EYES OF SHAKESPEARE

In this presentation, I want to pick up the importance of love as an organising drive in the mind. I shall do this by a quick review of some of Shakespeare’s best known plays to think what it reveals about the importance of love or its absence in times of crisis. I hope to show that the bard and I agree that love is crucial to human growth and the development of a civilised society.

15.30 – 15.50 Afternoon break

15.50 – 17.00 Chair: Dr Rob Gordon
PANEL DISCUSSION

Phil Stokoe and Mary Morgan will discuss, and then lead, an open forum on issues raised from all three presentations.

Please note that even though the conference this year will be online, the program timetable shown here will stand, and will start at 9 am. We have extended the registration/login window to one hour from 0800-0900 to ensure all registrants have adequate time to login.

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

PHIL STOKOE is a psychoanalyst in private practice working with adults and couples, and an Organisational Consultant, working with a wide range of organisations especially in NHS. He worked in the Adult Department of the Tavistock & Portman NHS Foundation Trust from 1994 to 2012 finishing as clinical director. He writes and teaches



on a wide range of topics including Psychoanalytic understanding of society and politics. His book, *The Curiosity Drive: Our Need for Inquisitive Thinking*, was published by Phoenix Publishing House in November 2020 and short-listed for the Gradiva® Award for Best Psychoanalytic Book of 2021.

MARY MORGAN is a psychoanalyst, consultant couple psychoanalytic psychotherapist, Fellow of the British Psychoanalytical Society and Senior Fellow of Tavistock Relationships. She worked at Tavistock Relationships for over 30 years including as Reader in Couple Psychoanalysis and Head of the MA in Couple Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy.



She has written many influential articles in the field of couple psychoanalysis and teaches internationally. She is currently a consultant to the IPA Committee in Couple and Family Psychoanalysis (COFAP) and in private practice as a psychoanalyst, couple psychotherapist and supervisor.

Her recent book, *A Couple State of Mind: Psychoanalysis of Couples – the Tavistock Relationships Model* is published by Routledge, with translations into several languages including Russian and Chinese.