

Call for Poster Presentations Symposium: Getting the Policies We Deserve? The Dynamics of Policy Making

**8-9th September 2017 Centre for Theology and Ministry, College Crescent
Melbourne, Victoria, Australia**

This symposium will examine the group psycho-dynamics of policy making. Developing policy in government departments and in work organisations is a task fraught with pressures from many different stakeholders, internal and external. Issues of power, conflicting interests and emotional dynamics all have an impact on what appears on the surface to be a deliberate and logical process with the aim of meeting organisational and community needs. The Symposium addresses these dynamics by asking what it is we collectively do to impact policies. In particular, participants will engage with policy makers from a variety of settings to discern the conscious and unconscious social dynamics surrounding this task and how it impacts on policy implementation, on delivery of products and services and on our work and citizenship roles.

Poster presentations of research or projects are sought for display throughout the Symposium. The focus of the research does not need to be directly related to the Symposium topic, but should be oriented within systems psychodynamic approaches and the exploration of organisational dynamics. Additionally, there will be opportunities for presenters to discuss their work with Symposium participants.

A poster presentation is a dynamic communication tool which aims to summarize research or a project concisely and effectively. Displaying the poster helps to publicize the topic and stimulate discussion with other symposium participants. This provides an opportunity to connect with others who have the same curiosity about the topic, and for the presenters thinking to be extended and challenged through a constructive exchange.

Keynote Speaker

Dr Bruno Boccara

*Founder of Socio-Analytic Dialogue; Former Lead Economist World Bank and
Director Standard & Poor's*

Ph.D. Economics, MIT; Ph.D. Civil Engineering, MIT

*Graduate NYU School of Medicine Psychoanalytic Institute; American
Psychoanalytic Association.*

Panel Speakers all have extensive experience as policy makers and include:

- Magistrate Tony Parsons – Drug Court of Victoria
- Ms Jenny Hoskings – Community Corrections
- Mr Mark Madden – Centre for Innovative Justice
- Professor Barbara McPake – Nossal Institute for Global Health
- Associate Professor Ruth Vine - North Western Mental Health
- Ms Leanne Beagley – West Vic. Primary Health Network

- Dr. John Speirings – Reichstein Foundation

Expressions of Interest

Please send expressions of interest to

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Include a brief outline of the research or project that you would like to display and discuss at the symposium.

Closing date for EOI's June 30th

The full brochure for the Symposium is available on www.nioda.org.au

Registration Fees

Symposium \$480 Early Bird (by July 7th \$425) +GST

Full-time Students \$200 +GST

NIODA students/members and GRA members 10% discount

Enquire about bursaries (for those in special circumstances and unable to meet these fees)