

## English Summaries

The present issue deals with the problems related to the psychoanalytic conceptions of sexual orientations in a historical and theoretical framework. The issue was edited by **ANNA BORGOS**. After an editorial **Introduction** three essays are published in our **MAJOR ARTICLES** section.

**TIM DEAN, CHRISTOPHER LANE: Homosexuality and psychoanalysis.**

This overview reconsiders the troubled relationship between same-sex desire and psychoanalysis, assessing homosexuality's status in psychoanalytic theory and practice, as well as the value of psychoanalytic ideas for queer theory. The authors point out the paradox that psychoanalytic institutions have developed in directions antithetical with psychoanalytic concepts.

**DIANA FUSS: Fallen women. "The psychogenesis of a case of homosexuality in a woman".**

This reinterpretation of Freud's lesbian case-study focuses on the term „falling" and explores the consequences of the fact that female homosexuality has been theorized in terms of the "pre" (pre-oedipal, pre-symbolic, premature, etc.). Freud's attempt to follow the "pre-Oedipalization" of the homosexual subject has influenced the development of sexology that also operates with the concepts of space, time, duration, weight and movement and determines psychoanalytical debates on sexuality until now.

**RICHARD RUTKIN: Psychoanalysis with gay and lesbian people. An interpersonal perspective.**

The study introduces an interpersonal approach of psychoanalytic therapy with homosexuals, including special transference and counter-transference issues. As an analyst with an interpersonal view, the author sees his major role not in diagnosing patients, but in being a supporter on the way of developing and discovering their relationship with the surrounding world.

The **WORKSHOP** section contains two contributions:

In her article **Changing views on homosexuality in psychoanalytic theory and therapy** **ANDREA RITTER** overviews the changing scientific perceptions of homosexuality. In her analysis she relies on the relevant literature as well as on her own therapeutic experiences. According to her views, a serious theoretical and practi-

cal confusion concerning the issue dominates among psychotherapists. While it is widely accepted that homosexuality is a normal version of human sexuality, therapeutic attitudes and the underlying theoretical constructions often contradict this view.

**RITA BÉRES-DEÁK** in her article **Same-sex parents and their coming-out** presents the results of an anthropological research which explores the situation of same-sex couples rearing children in Hungary, and their coming out to their families. It seems that coming out in most of the cases does not meet refusal either from the part of their children or their family. The problems of these couples are rooted more in social taboos and discourses that make the process of coming-out difficult before the children. Another problem is the heterosexism or sometimes open homophobia they experience from the part of different health and educational institutions.

In the FORUM section we publish **FRANÇOIS POMMIER's** 2002 interview with the French historian of psychoanalysis **ÉLISABETH ROUDINESCO** under the title **Psychoanalysis and homosexuality: Reflections on the perverse desire, insult and the paternal function**. Beginning with a discussion of Freud's reclassification of homosexuality in terms of sexual choice, Roudinesco traces the changes in attitudes towards homosexuals and homosexuality within psychoanalytic institutions: from their official exclusion from the IPA in 1921, to their "outing" at the Barcelona Congress in 1997.

This section also contains the answers of Hungarian psychoanalysts and psychotherapists to a series of questions the editors of *Thalassa* have asked them to comment regarding their own views and therapeutic experiences with gay and lesbian persons. We have received five answers that we publish here in full lengths.

In the ARCHIVES section we publish a 1965 article by the Hungarian-born American psychiatrist **THOMAS S. SZASZ** **Legal and moral aspects of homosexuality**.

In his critical essay Szasz points out that homosexuality is not a neutral phenomenon for society in either legal or moral respects. Considering homosexuality an illness, just the methods have changed that control same-sex behavior. When psychiatrists make a diagnosis of homosexuality, in fact they act as judges. Homosexuals threaten society not by their actual behavior, but rather by their symbolic significance, undermining the values of heterosexuality.

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