

Editorial

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The end-of-year issue of *Ricerca Psicoanalitica* inaugurates a somewhat different form of communication from the usual one. With respect to the traditional thematic focus of our articles (which will naturally continue), in our new formula articles which we believe merit special attention are presented with the comments of other authors and the author's reply to these comments. We call this column 'Dialogues'.

This issue presents a work by Jô Gondar, a psychoanalyst from Rio de Janeiro, active in International Federation of Psychoanalytic Societies, whose reflections on the term 'tenderness' are commented on by Alessandro Ciardi, Valentina Rodolfi and Luca Leoncini. The comments are followed by the author's reply.

The next article we present is an article by Mario Perini on violence in the care setting; it is commented on by Paolo Cozzaglio and Pietro Pellegrini, and it's followed by Perini's reply.

The formula will be replicated in the first issue of 2024 with two more articles. Ultimately, it is simply a different form of dialogue around a proposed theme; it prioritizes the exchange of ideas rather than presenting articles in parallel, albeit around a particular theme. We look forward to receiving your feedback.

I want to add a personal note to the second 'Dialogue'. In addition to the two comments by Cozzaglio and Pellegrini a third comment was due. Piera Ferrini, a colleague who facilitated our contact with Mario Perini and who was well-qualified to produce his thoughts sadly passed away this summer. We chose not to provide a replacement comment as it felt symbolically impossible for us to do.

The two articles that follow in the 'Writings' column are by Pasquale

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Scarnera on psychology and the judicial system, and by Cristi Marci on the pathogenesis of cancer in the perinatal period.

For the column ‘Dialogues about care relationships’ we continue on a course that has touched several clinical settings up to now. In this issue, we present a case of couple therapy commented on by three expert colleagues from different theoretical positions (Coin, Castelli and Magnoli) and the reply of the proponents (Zaccaria and Balestra).

In ‘Glances’, Sara Santi and Giulio Morselli comment on a 2018 film packed with stimulating content.

Lastly, we will present my comment on a book by Sofia Bignamini and Elena Buday: ‘Fluid adolescents’. I am particularly pleased to do so not only because the book merits attention but also in memory of our colleague, Sofia, who also sadly passed away recently, and who has consigned to these pages another testimony of her worth which we will honor in this way.

For the ‘Meetings’ column, Francesca Durante and Cecilia Mora will comment on their interesting experience within a prison institution.

Last but not least, for the ‘Transformations’ column we publish a work by Raimondi and Riefolo on the homeless and a caring initiative on the part of a third-sector body that attempts to connect different actors in social groups operating in the Rome area.

Happy reading, happy new year.

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