First International Conference on Work Discussion
Vienna from June 10 - 12th 2016

Let’s talk about work!
Work Discussion in practice and research

Registration link:

Program of the Conference

Friday, 10th June 2016
International Work Discussion groups and welcome reception

2:00 pm – 6:00 pm
International Work Discussion groups at various locations in Vienna
in English and German

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Work Discussion groups - Session 1

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Break

4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
Work Discussion groups - Session 2

5:30 pm – 6:00 pm
Reflection of the day

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Welcome reception at the University of Vienna
Saturday, 11th June 2016
Paper presentations and discussions at the University of Vienna I

9:00 am - 10.30 pm
Plenary session

9:00 am – 9:30 am
Opening of the plenary and parallel sessions

9:30 am – 10:30 am
Agnes Turner, AT, Wilfried Datler, AT, et.al.
Work Discussion – origins, aims and recent developments

10:30 am - 11.00 am
Coffee/tea break

11:00 am - 12:30 pm
Parallel sessions A

Parallel session A.1

Maria Fürstaller, Nina Hover-Reisner, Antonia Funder, AT
„Work Discussion and the development of mentalizing capacities of nursery teachers“

Peter Elfer, Katy Dearnley, Dilyis Wilson, Kathryn Fenton, UK
„Work Discussion in English nurseries - Reflecting on their contribution so far and issues in developing their aims, processes and assessment of impact in a climate of austerity and intense audit“

Parallel session A.2

Angelina Trelles Fischman, UK
“The Evolution of a Staff Group in the National Health Service: Work Discussion Group“

Neil Austin, UK
“The setting up and first six months of a new Work Discussion group in a highly specialist pediatric inpatient hospital“

Parallel Session A.3

Alba Greco, IT
“In the kitchen and around the table: On the way towards commensal relationships – An autonomy project for youths with learning disabilities“

12.30 pm - 2.00 pm
Break for lunch
Saturday, 11th June 2016
Paper presentations and discussions at the University of Vienna II

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Parallel sessions B

Parallel session B.1
Agnes Turner, Ina Paul-Horn, AT
“Applying Work Discussion within an Interdisciplinary Doctorate Program in Austria”
Rajni Sharma, UK
“Thinking about the group in Work Discussion”

Parallel session B.2
Barbara Lehner, AT
„Work Discussion in working with large groups“
Patrizia Vitali, IT
“Work Discussion A methodology to embrace (meditate on) the efforts of nursery schools’ educators.”

Parallel session B.3
David Zimmermann, Christoph Müller, DE
“Work Discussion as an approach in teachers’ training to broaden relationship competences: potentials and limitations”
Emma Gleadhill, UK
“Work Discussion in schools – an observational study of work-discussion based sessions used with teachers, parents and pupils in school settings”

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Coffee/tea break

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
Plenary session

Lydia Hartland-Rowe, UK
“Lost in translation: the application of a psychoanalytic framework through Work Discussion”

Simonetta M.G.Adamo, Flavia Portanova, Myriam Ombrato, IT
“To consult, to train, to research: The many facets of Work Discussion methodology”

6:00 pm - open end

Evening program (casual):
Sightseeing by tram and dinner at a typical Viennese wine tavern
Sunday, 12th June 2016
Paper presentations and discussions at the University of Vienna III

9:00 am – 10.30 am
Plenary session

Michael Rustin, Geraldine Crehan, UK
“Anxieties about knowing in the context of Work Discussion

10:30 am – 11:00 am
Coffee/tea break

11:00 am - 12:30pm
Parallel sessions C

Parallel session C1:
Margit Datler, Wilfried Datler, AT
“Evaluating the impact of Work Discussion on the adaption of psychoanalytic skills and attitudes – a challenge“

Bernhard Rauh, Tillmann Kreuzer, DE
“Teacher training between idealization and de-idealization of inclusive practice“

Parallel session C2:
Margaret Moore, UK
“Setting up and running a new work discussion group for peripatetic teachers of vulnerable children“

Trudy Klauber, Emil Jackson, UK
“Work Discussion – observation at work“

Parallel session C3:
Martin Engelberg, AT
“Work Discussion groups in leadership development programs“

12:30 pm – 12:45 pm
Break

12:45 pm – 14:00 pm
Final panel and closing of the conference

12:45 pm – 13:30 pm
New experiences, insights, questions and challenges:
What could we learn at the 1st International Conference on Work Discussion in Vienna?
Chair of the panel: Biddy Youell, UK

13:30 pm – 14:00 pm
Closing of the conference