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# Public Lecture by Professor Dr. Peter Fonagy

## „Psychoanalysis, Attachment and Epistemic Trust“

Prof. Peter Fonagy traces the intellectual history of the relationship between attachment theory and psychoanalytic thinking, and considers where we are now in the discourse between the two fields.

He will briefly describe some of the points of convergence, as well as areas of continuing contention, and suggest a future direction for attachment work which has a bearing on its relationship with psychoanalysis. Specifically, mentalizing theory will be discussed as a line of thinking that draws on both attachment ideas and psychoanalysis.

Recent developments in the mentalizing approach will be described to highlight the continued relevance of attachment theory and thinking.

Two constructs connected to attachment and mentalizing, epistemic trust and the concept of a general factor in psychopathology, are discussed along with the implications of these ideas for thinking about the common factors that effective psychotherapeutic interventions share.

**17.00–17.15** Welcome - IPU-Vice-President Prof. Dr. Birgit Stürmer

**17.15–19.00** Peter Fonagy (London): „Psychoanalysis, Attachment and Epistemic Trust“

Eintritt frei – Free Entry

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