



**ERIC MILLER
Annual Memorial Lecture**

on Saturday 28th March 2015

at 11.45am to 3.00pm

**Registration and Refreshments
11:45am -12:15pm**

**THE AMBASSADORS HOTEL
12 UPPER WOBURN PLACE
LONDON WC1H 9EX**

**“SOCIETY AS INTRINSIC TO TOTAL LIFE SPACE:
SOME EXPERIENTIAL REFLECTIONS.”**

The Eric Miller Annual Memorial Lecture will be presented by Dr Jean Neumann.

Jean Neumann operates as both practitioner and academic in those fields that blend organisational development, consultancy, and related change management careers. She is a Senior Fellow in Scholarly Practice for The Tavistock Institute of Human Relations (TIHR) in London, Jean was a founding faculty on their Advanced Organizational Consultancy Programme (1992-2008) and a senior consulting social scientist for 'organisational change and technological innovation (1987-1998). This is reflected in her frequent publications.

Using a model Jean developed that incorporates Kurt Lewin's idea of 'total life space' (linked with Miller and Rice's use of boundaries in social systems), she reflects on how aspects of society 'out there' can show up closer within our daily lives. Examples illustrate situations in which societal expectations emerge as intrinsic to times, spaces and roles that constitute 'fields' in peoples' lives. Such workings of society 'up close' tend to come to our attention because of conflict between roles and expectations, threats in the face of tangible uncertainties, and shifts in the primary tasks of our personal and working lives. We find we are required to respond in order to prevent a loss of some kind. Case vignettes from Jean's consulting practice and her own total life space will illustrate how the people involved responded to felt encroachments of societal expectations and evolved their behaviours and identities accordingly.

The Lecture will formally end at 2:00pm, after which you are cordially invited to join our guests for drinks and snacks until 3:00pm

Fee £45 (includes wine & snacks).

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