



Thursday 10th OCTOBER 2013

**SCIENTIFIC MEETING:
The Parent - Infant pair
as a building block for society:**

**Attachment, Neuroscience and Disorganisation
in Societal and Organisational Dynamics
7:00pm - 9:30pm**

**Registration and tea
from 6:30pm - 7:00pm
Hughes Parry Hall
University of London
36-45 Cartwright Gardens
London WC1H 9EF
(Close to Russell Square tube and Euston Station)**

**Fee: £30
(OPUS Associates £15)
*(Students £15)
includes refreshments and lunch
*Please bring confirmation of status**

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Presenters: Chrissie Rickman

Chaired by: Chris Tanner and Anna Reali

Chrissie Rickman is a psychotherapist, organisation consultant, trainer and member of OPUS. She works as a Clinical Supervisor for 'Minding the Baby', a research project set up by Yale University, Anna Freud Centre and the NSPCC, which is based on cutting edge research from neuroscience, attachment theory and the study of trauma. For many years she has also worked as an expert witness in the Family Courts (child protection) and is a member of the local Family Justice Board and working party for the implementation of the Family Justice Review.

Current research developments in neuroscience and attachment demonstrate the importance of early attachment relationships to the quality and nature of future interpersonal relationships. There is also increasing understanding of how early trauma and disrupted attachment manifest later in violence, mental health difficulties and

addiction. Picking up on some of the themes of recent Listening Posts, this presentation sets out to explore the impact of disrupted and disorganising attachment experiences at a societal level. For example, recurring themes are: failed dependency and disillusionment in figures of authority; heightened awareness of the need for a sense of belonging and identity at a local / national level at a time when the world is becoming increasingly global and boundaryless; social protest and in particular the anger expressed by young people. What, who and where are the containers?