



Wednesday 22nd MAY 2013

**SCIENTIFIC MEETING:
The Role of Leadership:
Lessons From Systems-Centred Approaches**

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: Mike Maher and Annie Maciver

Chaired by: Chris Tanner and Anna Reali

Mike Maher is an organisational consultant, psychotherapist and trainer. He is a member of the Institute of Group Analysis and Associate Director of the Systems-Centred Training and Research Institute.

Annie Maciver is a social worker and is Assistant Director and Head of Children's Services at West Sussex County Council. She is a Licensed Systems-Centred Practitioner.

The public domain is awash with tales of the perils of leadership — rotating door football management, trust in political leaders at record lows, calls for the resignation of NHS executives. Leadership is increasingly operating in a context of fundamental distrust and envious attack. At the same time there is a growing recognition that for public service leadership to be successful it must be informed by a systemic understanding of the organisation. However, in the UK at least, there is little by way of experience and understanding of how such an

approach can actually be operationalized. A Systems-Centred approach to leadership offers answers to some critical questions — What does taking up a leadership role from this perspective actually look like? What behaviours result from such an orientation and what is the impact on the development of the work system? How does this intersect with other approaches to leadership. Annie MacIver and Mike Maher have both studied intensively in the US with Yvonne Agazarian, the founder of this approach. Here they will consider the implications of the approach, based on their extensive experience of implementation and consultancy in a range of contexts.