VPSG ISC announces with pleasure the next Scientific Meeting:

An evening with Gabriela Legorreta

May 19, 2021 7:30 - 9 p.m.

Moderator: Mina Levinsky -Wohl

Zoom Host: Johanna Boyce

**Please sign on at 7:25 p.m.**

**If unable to attend, please email “regrets” to Barbara, VPSG Administrator**

**Psychoanalytic Perspectives on Parenthood**

**and Assisted Reproductive Technology**

**(ART)**

We are very pleased to have Gabriela Legorreta present again to our group. This time she will present her thoughts, with a psychoanalytic perspective, resulting from many years of experience with patients who consult the Montreal Fertility Center and resort to Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) in an attempt to conceive a child.

The goal of these consultations is to screen for severe psycho-social pathology and to provide psychological support. Over the years, her approach has become to privilege the creation of a space to think freely and foster psychic elaboration regarding the motivations and the many psychic challenges associated to the project of conceiving with ART. She invites prospective parents to share and reflect on the questions, doubts, and the challenges they will face.

Based on her paper, Gabriela develops four themes:

She describes the way in which ART proposes a remedy for infertility, focusing on the pain and suffering resulting from the difficulties in conceiving without, but also with ART.

The complex question of desire to have a child. The desire of those who resort to ART and the desire of those who offer it.

The third theme is a reflection around the offer of ART.  She proposes a psychoanalytic exploration of the impact of the offer of ART, in particular on what this offer mobilizes psychically in the individual(s) seeking ART.

She highlights the importance of recognizing the need to make space for working through of very challenging issues for the prospective parents, including that of informing future children of their genetic origins, of the existence of genetic siblings, the fate of frozen embryos, the desire to meet with donors and the eventuality of this meeting.

Gabriella will present a clinical vignette to illustrate a case in which the offer overwhelms the individual’s psychic capacity.

 We request that you read the paper attached to stimulate a lively discussion.

Looking forward to seeing you all,

ISC Members:

Johanna Boyce, Chair ISC

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Gabriela Legorreta Bio

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