

# POPIG NEWS

Psychoanalytically Oriented Psychology Interest Group



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### POPIG Activities by State

**Queensland** POPIG QLD has continued to meet regularly on the first Tuesday of each month. We will break for school holidays in July, and return on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Details of presentations and venue will be circulated to Members via the Bulk Mailer, and posted on Instagram and Facebook (@POPIGAUS). We also publish summaries of the presentations in the minutes and on social media, so if a presenter has decided not to open their talk up to Zoom, you can still stay in the loop!

**New South Wales** Our NSW group are hosting several Zoom Webinars this year, as well as meeting for a more intimate book club. For more details contact NSW Coordinator Roshanak Vahdani at [roshanakvahdani@yahoo.com.au](mailto:roshanakvahdani@yahoo.com.au). These events will also be advertised on all available channels.

**South Australia** In South Australia, Aaron Neaves has gallantly taken the reins, representing his state at the National Committee Meetings. He tells us that there is a quiet stirring of interest in psychoanalytic things, and a few colleagues have decided to meet for dinner and discussion in their regular book club. Anyone looking to connect with psychoanalytic colleagues in SA can contact Aaron at [aaron@neavesandmenne.com.au](mailto:aaron@neavesandmenne.com.au).

**Other States? We miss you!** The National Committee is still looking for volunteers in other States and Territories to convene and facilitate POPIG meetings for their local membership. Some areas may have too few members for a group meet-up, but you may still wish to have a voice in the National Committee. For more information contact POPIG Convenor Elizabeth King: [info@elizabethkingpsychologist.com](mailto:info@elizabethkingpsychologist.com).

### Psychoanalytic Events Website

POPIG Members can now keep up to date with various training and professional development opportunities in Australia via an independently run website: [www.psychoanalyticevents.com.au](http://www.psychoanalyticevents.com.au).

The best news is that visitors to the website can now submit their own events! Please take a look at the calendar and add any events you think the Psychoanalytic community would be interested in. You may also upload your privately run seminars, reading groups, and peer supervision (if you are open to new members).

### PepWeb

PepWeb is a psychoanalytic online library that allows access to an extensive collection of psychoanalytic journals, videos and books. Access to the PepWeb is one of our most attractive member benefits. Many people are aware that they can access a great deal of important literature via the database.

Something that is less well known, but very exciting for students of psychoanalytic theory: the PEP online reader includes an integrated psychoanalytic dictionary. This means you will never get stuck misunderstanding a jargon term again! Just hover over the word and find entries from several major analytic dictionaries. (Sometimes technology is a such blessing).

If you are interested in finding out more about PepWeb, contact Murray Heath [murrayheath@bigpond.com](mailto:murrayheath@bigpond.com).

Next subscriptions period will be announced very soon, hopefully with some exciting news that will allow more people to subscribe; and the subscription window will become available July 2021. Watch your inbox for news!

## National Committee Details

We tend to get tied up getting on with business at times and forget to let you know who we are! So here goes...

In March, we hosted the AGM where we happily accepted the nomination for two new Committee Members: Mahnaz Daraj and Kate O'Connor.

Mahnaz and Kate have already been invaluable in getting the social media platforms active once again, and their energy for advocating for psychoanalytic psychology is very welcome. Both have put their hands up to be involved in Communications and Social Media Subcommittee, with Mahnaz leading the technical and moderation side, and Kate bringing energy, curiosity, and articulate expression to the content. Along with Elizabeth King (Convenor) and social media stalwart Kit Mason, the new team have brought a new energy of community engagement to the group, and we look forward to continuing to communicate and collaborate in new and exciting ways. On this, Mahnaz Daraj and Sarah McCarthy have been busy putting their heads together to plan some exciting professional development opportunities for the second half of the year.

For old-fashioned, digitally averse, or paranoid POPIG Members, we will be in touch in the usual ways. And we will be sure to bring the highlights of the online discussions to our summaries and updates in these newsletters and convenor updates.

## Committee Details

Convenor : Elizabeth King  
Treasurer : Murray Heath  
Secretary : Sarah McCarthy

Committee Member: Roshanak Vahdani  
Committee Member: Kate O'Connor  
Committee Member: Mahnaz Daraj

SA State Coordinator: Aaron Neaves  
NSW State Coordinator: Roshanak Vahdani  
QLD State Coordinator: Sarah McCarthy

## Social Media Subcommittee

POPIG had something of a hiatus from social media for the first part of this year, as we reshuffled and reorganised our committee. We are happy to announce that our newly formed Social Media and Communications Subcommittee have been busy getting active on the socials for your information and enjoyment. Converse, lurk, like, or follow at [www.facebook.com/popigaus](http://www.facebook.com/popigaus) or @POPIGAUS on Instagram.

If you're worried about the public nature of the Facebook page, you can anonymously follow POPIG's Facebook Page by accessing the page and clicking on "Follow" (rather than "Like"). Your personal Facebook will not be publicly associated with the page, unless you "Like" or Comment on posts.

Members are encouraged to submit thoughts on literature, quotes from books, other reflections and local events to Mahnaz Daraj, who will moderate content and post submissions (the creator need not identified unless they wish to be).

Email submissions to [contact@mahnaz.com.au](mailto:contact@mahnaz.com.au).

**POPIG Website:** We are updating the POPIG Website. Let us know if you have useful links or information that should be included.

## Tell us what you're doing!

So now you know what we're up to. What about you? If you have news, we'd like to hear it.

We want to share your thoughts, projects, research findings and achievements with other POPIG members and the broader psychological community.

*Submit your news or 'editorial' style brief articles to [contact@mahnaz.com.au](mailto:contact@mahnaz.com.au) for inclusion in the next newsletter, social media. Or chat to the committee about ideas for getting your news out there.*