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## Programme 2020 – 2021

<b>Date and Time</b> <small>(90 minutes or 2 hours for workshops)</small>	<b>Presenter/s</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>Default times (unless negotiated otherwise):</b> <b>9am (Ecuador); 10am (E Coast USA); 3pm (UK); 4pm (Europe); 10pm (Hong Kong); 11.00pm (Sydney)</b>			
3rd September 2020	Committee Welcome and Discussion, with a short talk by Michael Mascolo	<i>The place of Constructivism and PCP in Society &amp; the Human Sciences</i>	The committee will welcome you all and after Michael's presentation we will discuss the project and test the technology.

17th September 2020	Sabrina Cipolletta & David Winter	<i>Understanding experiences of the Covid-19 pandemic in PCT terms</i>	We shall consider experiences of the COVID-19 pandemic from the personal construct perspective, drawing particularly on Kelly's diagnostic constructs, and providing illustrative quotes from participants in a multinational study. Consideration will also be given to an alternative construction of the pandemic as an opportunity for change.
1st October 2020	Peter Caputi	<i>What would Hinkle make of the COVID pandemic?</i>	This presentation would focus on making sense of what we are experiencing as a result of COVID from the perspective of Dennis Hinkle's theory of implications.
15th October 2020	Robert Wright	Using playfulness as a complement to facilitate Constructive Alternativism	Often, we are unable to break out of our predicament because we cling on to our habitual biases and preconceived notions, thereby thwarting our potential for <i>Being and Becoming</i> . This Constructivist Meet-up Session attempts to introduce a pedagogical innovation I invented called "Staying F.O.C.U.S.E.D." to help open up the alternatives to our toughest unsolved problems, issues and challenges.
29th October 2020	Matthias Rosenberger	<i>AI based Dialogue Systems for Repertory Grid Online Interviews – Combining Pattern Theory with Kelly`s Theory of Personal Constructs with a Social Resonance Perspectives</i>	The goal of my research is the development and optimization of Repertory Grid Interviews Online. Thereby social resonance phenomena (Rosa 2018) shall be broken down. For this purpose, I combine the theory of personal constructs according to G. A. Kelly with Alexander's pattern theory (2002 - 2005). In my research, I hope to develop a system that can support large repertory grid surveys using intelligent algorithms from AI research (e.g. word embeddings) as an online dialogue system.

<p>12th November 2020</p>	<p>Viv Burr &amp; Nigel King</p>	<p><i>Interpretative Clustering (2-hour Workshop)</i></p>	<p>In this workshop session we will focus on providing hands-on experience with an innovative method for the qualitative analysis of Repertory Grid data, Interpretive Clustering (IC). After a brief introduction to the method, participants will be invited to share a grid they have previously completed and analysed using IC (guidance for how to do this will be sent to potential participants in advance). This will be followed by discussion of the experience of using this method, it's strengths and weaknesses, and possible future applications.</p>
<p>26th November 2020</p>	<p>Valeria Ugazio</p>	<p><i>The therapeutic relationship with clients with phobic, obsessive-compulsive, eating, and depressive disorders</i></p>	<p>Do clients with phobic, obsessive-compulsive, eating, and depressive disorders interact with their therapist using ways of relating whose respective meanings are characteristic of the semantic of freedom, goodness, power, belonging? And does the therapist take a position in tune with clients' dominant semantic? This study answers these questions to verify the hypothesis, maintained by Ugazio's Family Semantic Polarities Theory (FSPT; 1998, 2013): that we do not have one single way of building up the therapeutic relationship, instead, there are as many different ways as the semantics and the related disorders.</p>
<p>10th December 2020</p>	<p>Peter Edward</p>	<p><i>Being vaguely between something and no-thing</i></p>	<p>Within the social sciences a perennial debate rumbles on between realists and social constructivists. Typically, these debates revolve around the issues of representation: does the mind merely create a representation of an objective world 'out there'; or is our 'reality' entirely subjective and contingent constructed through our socialisation. In these debates it is remarkable just how little consideration is given to the role of the psyche, notwithstanding that 'how the mind creates reality' is a central issue for both sides of the debate</p>

7th January 2021	Chris Evans	<i>What if George Kelly had met Pierre Remond de Montmort?</i>	Pierre Remond de Montmort died in 1719 but had he and Kelly overlapped and got on (I like to think they would have), Kelly might have given us a different way of thinking about grids and it might even have led to some usefully different axioms and corollaries. Let's have a fun seance and see what we can co-construct. I think they'd have approved. For the first 30 to 40 minutes I'm told you'll all hold virtual hands while I work my grid/ouija board then we'll move to sociality and see what what emerges from the lively living rather than the very clever, but dead predecessors who left us such good foundations.
21st January 2021	Carmen Dell'Aversano	<i>PCP and Literature (2-hour Workshop)</i>	To be provided
4th February 2021	Massimo Giliberto, Francesca Del Rizzo & Chiara Lui	<i>Politicians' communication in COVID times from a PCP point of view</i>	We would try to analyse politicians' communication about COVID during lockdown from a PCP perspective. We will focus on the constructs expressed and on its performative features. It will be a conjoint laboratory, an opportunity to understand and subsume the processes at play by means, in particular of some Italian examples. Participants will be encouraged to work on examples from the experience of their countries.
18th February 2021	Raya Jones	<i>Triangulating ontological positions</i>	As a psychology of the self or personality, Kelly's constructivism is similar to other psychologies in some respects and different from those in other respects. I'll introduce my constructs of a specific triad (PCP, social constructionism, Jung's model of the psyche) and then invite an open-ended dialogue about the comparability and uniqueness of PCP in general.
4th March 2021	Vivienne Baumfield	<i>Kelly in the Classroom: Using Odd-one-Out as a tool for Pedagogical Inquiry</i>	In this presentation I will discuss how Kelly's Construct Theory informed the development of an exercise called 'Odd-one-Out' as an exercise for teachers to use in the classroom. Odd-one-Out gave teachers insight into how the learners were thinking about and making sense of topics in the school curriculum