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Two Talks on Violence, Power, and the Social Fabric

Talk 1 - Juliet Mitchell on The Law of the Mother



Join us as we host two of the most influential psychoanalytic theorists of the modern era, **Juliet Mitchell** and **Jessica Benjamin**.

BEYOND THE OEDIPAL COMPLEX: SIBLING DYNAMICS AND THE LAW OF THE MOTHER. Join us for a discussion with Professor Juliet Mitchell on her landmark model of early development, Sibling Trauma and the Law of the Mother. Expanding the vertical framework of the Oedipal complex, she introduces a lateral axis centered on sibling relationships. She presents the “Law of the Mother” — the maternal prohibition against sibling violence and competition that is the basis for social equality among peers. Professor Mitchell will discuss with us how this horizontal shift reconfigures our understanding of unconscious relational dynamics, exploring its relevance both within clinical spaces and for interpreting current global controversies.

Professor Juliet Mitchell FBA is internationally recognised for her pioneering work in psychoanalytic feminism. She is Professor Emerita and founding director of the Centre for Gender Studies at the University of Cambridge. Her work centrally informed second-wave feminist theory by integrating Freudian psychoanalytic thought. Expanding the traditional Oedipal model, she introduced a lateral paradigm that explores how sibling dynamics, childhood violence, and the “law of the mother” shape the human psyche.

For information on Talk 2 - Jessica Benjamin on the Moral Third - Click here

Date:	Thursday, 17 September 2026
Time:	6:30pm - 8:30pm - Australian Eastern Standard Time (Sydney)
Venue:	This seminar will be solely on Zoom
Cost:	IARPP Aust members \$70 per seminar Non-members \$85 per seminar

Platform: Conducted via ZOOM only.

Recording: These live events will not be recorded, and recording by attendees is strictly prohibited.

Access: A Zoom link will be sent to the email address used to register one day prior to the seminar.

Equity Access: If you would like to attend a seminar but the ticket fee is a financial barrier, please contact Meg Carley at dr.m.carley@gmail.com.

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