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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Fernando Silberstein

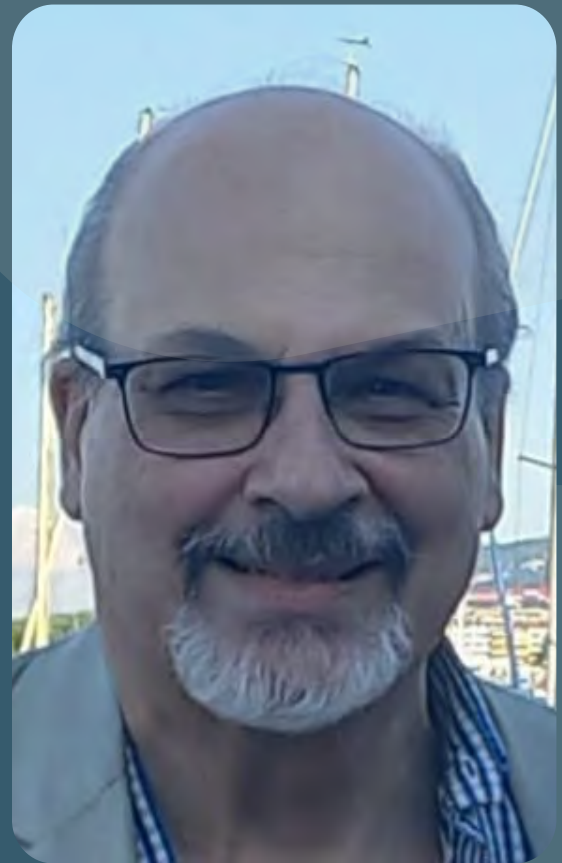
After the pause of the Northern Hemisphere summer, the Summer Seminar Organization Committee (SSOC) has resumed its work with renewed energy to prepare the next seminar, which will take place in the beautiful city of Prague from July 9 to 11, 2026. The chosen theme reflects several of the interests expressed by participants in the 2025 seminar, and once again we will welcome distinguished speakers who will present their cases to foster shared reflection. The Summer Seminars have consolidated their identity over more than twenty years through a format designed to encourage a shared experience of exchange, learning, and conviviality.

Rorschachiana continues to grow in its Open Access format, with no publication fees for active members of the Society. This transition has led to a remarkable increase in citations to the articles we publish, contributing to the international positioning of the Rorschach as a scientifically valid tool, now recognized and indexed in the most important academic portals.

Meanwhile, the Spanish society is preparing the next international congress in Madrid, and we expect to share more detailed information soon.

Interest groups working on the test continue to expand, demonstrating the increasing vitality of our technique. Current research ranges from the history of concepts and their relevance for interpretation, to neuropsychological relationships, psychotherapeutic applications, and the use of the test in forensic settings.

The ISR aims to accompany and support all these initiatives, while promoting dialogue and closer interaction among specialists and practitioners from diverse traditions and regions.



EDITORIAL NOTE

By Giselle Hass

Dear Friends,

As the year draws to a close, it's a wonderful moment to pause, reflect, and appreciate all that we've accomplished together—while also looking ahead with renewed purpose.

At the heart of this Bulletin are our country reports, which continue to be our foundation and our inspiration. They showcase the creativity, dedication, and momentum of societies around the world as they expand the reach of our field (page 12). It's always uplifting to see how deeply our global community shares a passion for the Rorschach and Projective Methods. In this issue, we also highlight the fascinating history of the Rorschach in Vietnam (page 23).

We also bring you up-to-date information on the next Summer Seminar in beautiful Prague, Czech Republic. We hope that you consider joining this exclusive event and profit from the enriching topics and warm camaraderie in such a wonderful city.

Our ISR Bulletin team has been hard at work bringing you engaging articles, podcasts, and resources. This time we review a book written by Emiliano Muzio titled *Neuropsychological Rorschach Assessment*, which brilliantly delves into this less frequent topic (p. 24). We are also delighted to share a podcast conversation with Hilda Alonso, a distinguished scholar, academic, researcher and an influential voice in psychoanalytic psychopathology (p. 27).

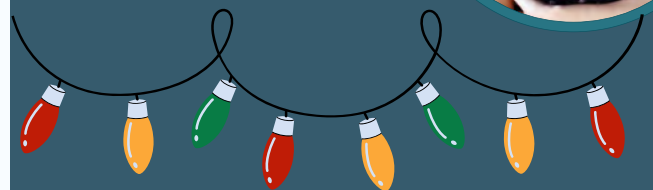
I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to our editorial team—Irem Atak, Marc Desautels, and Thaís Marques dos Reis—for their dedication, support, and collaboration throughout the year.

Wishing each of you a joyful holiday season and a bright, inspiring New Year.

Warm regards,

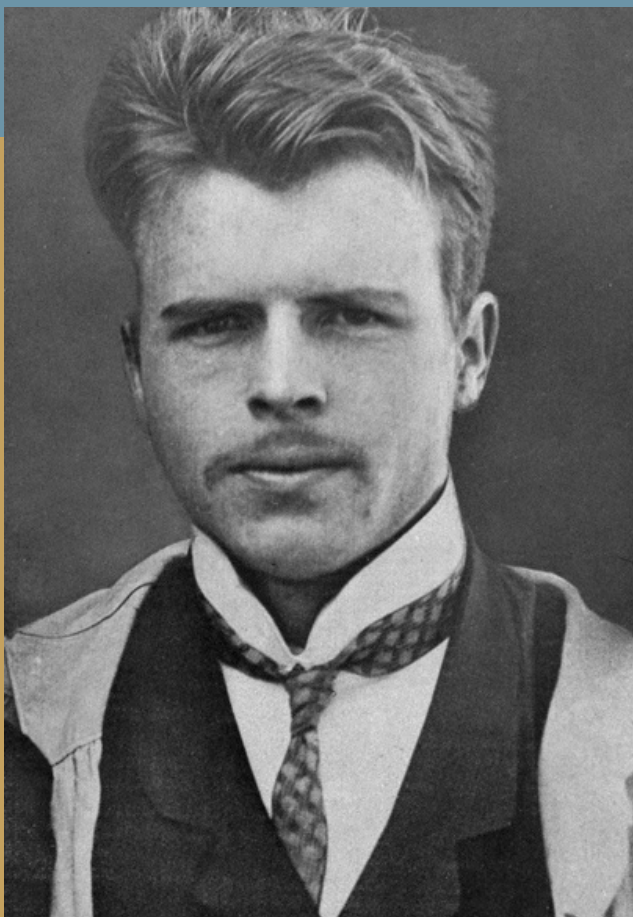
Giselle Hass

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Editorial team: Giselle Hass, Marc Desautels,
Irem Atak, Thaís Reis

HR IN HIS OWN WORDS



While the C and CF' responses express more the egocentric affectivity, the number of FC's reveals the more adaptive affectivity. Completely stabilized respondents, the depressed, the affectively blunted, and the pedantic do not show any C, CF, or FC responses (p. 53)

Rorschach, H. (2021). Hermann Rorschach's psychodiagnostics: Newly translated and annotated 100th anniversary edition (P. J. Keddy, R. Signer, P. Erdberg, & A. Schneider-Stocking, Trans. & Eds.). Hogrefe. (Original work published 1921)



DO NOT MISS THE XVI
ISR SUMMER SEMINAR
JULY 9 TO 11, 2026
“Mapping Resources and
Pathways to Recovery
Through the Rorschach”
in beautiful
PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC



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Prague is the capital and largest city of the Czech Republic, it is the «Jewel in the Crown» of Central Europe. Prague, ancient capital of Charles IV's Bohemian Kingdom, has played a pivotal role in the development of Central Europe since the Middle Ages. An epic history has made Prague one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Since 1992, the extensive historic center of Prague has been included in the UNESCO list of World Heritage Sites. Nicknames for Prague have included «the mother of cities», «city of a hundred spires» and «the golden city». Since the fall of the Iron Curtain, Prague has become one of Europe's most popular tourist destinations. It is the sixth most visited European city after London, Paris, Rome, Madrid and Berlin. Prague suffered considerably less damage during World War II than some other major cities in the region, allowing most of its historic architecture to stay true to form. It contains one of the world's most pristine and varied collections of architecture, from Art Nouveau to Baroque, Renaissance, Cubist, Gothic, Neo-Classical and ultramodern. Prague is an open air museum best explored on foot.

Let's meet in Prague! ✈️



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Meet The Presenters

Dr. Keddy is a seasoned clinician whose career spans psychotherapy, personality assessment, and specialized work at the intersection of psychology, spirituality, and addiction treatment. He began his practice in a residential treatment center for Catholic clergy, coordinating assessments and developing a lasting interest in the psychological dimensions of religious life. His subsequent work in Kaiser's outpatient addiction program deepened his expertise in substance use disorders and motivational interviewing, later informing his teaching at Golden Gate University. In assessment, he evaluates candidates for religious vocations and peace officer roles, conducts addiction-related evaluations for legal and licensing contexts, and specializes in collaborative/therapeutic assessment. His multimethod approach emphasizes instruments like the Rorschach and MMPI-2, integrating testing with clinical insight. Dr. Keddy also researches Jungian and Rorschach-based theories of introversion and extraversion, presenting his work nationally and internationally. His love of the Rorschach inkblot test led him to lead a team that completed a new, annotated English translation of Rorschach's book *Psychodiagnostics*. This was published by Hogrefe in 2021, making it a 100th-anniversary edition of the original publication nationally.



Philip Keddy (USA)

Helping an Actor to Recover Psychologically from a Heart Attack: The Rorschach and Other Test Results



Anna Maria Rosso (Italy)

The mind in the face of pain: on the origin of the traumatic

Anna Maria Rosso, Psy.D., is a licensed clinical psychologist and psychoanalyst. She is a full member of the Italian Psychoanalytical Society and of the International Psychoanalytical Association (IPA), and an Associate Professor of Psychodynamic Psychology at eCampus University (Italy). As a psychoanalyst, she is in private practice with children, adolescents, and adults. She worked in the National Health Service as a psychologist-psychotherapist from 1987 to 2003. Since 2002, she has been teaching in the psychology program at the University of Genoa, Italy. She is also Italy's co-delegate to the Comprehensive System International Rorschach Association (CSIRA).

Meet The Presenters

Emiliano Muzio, Ph.D., is a licensed psychologist and psychotherapist in private practice in Helsinki. Since the late 1990s, he has taught psychological assessment at the Universities of Paris, Jyväskylä, and Helsinki, as well as at the École des Psychologues Praticiens in Paris. Over the same period, he has been a regular presenter at conferences on personality assessment and neuropsychology and is the leading organizer of a one-year Rorschach training program in Finland (CS & R-PAS). He has also regularly organized training and taught therapeutic/collaborative assessment and the Wartegg Drawing Completion Test (WDCT) according to the Crisi Wartegg System (CWS; Crisi & Palm, 2018). Dr. Muzio has authored and co-authored several peer-reviewed publications, including *Neuropsychological Rorschach Assessment: Science and Practice* (Routledge, February 2026), and is co-author of a chapter in *Using the Rorschach Performance Assessment System (R-PAS)* (Mihura & Meyer, Eds., Guilford, 2018). He currently serves as First Vice-President of the ISR, President of the Finnish Rorschach Association, and Finnish representative for the Italian Institute of Wartegg.



Emiliano Muzio (Finland)

Using the Rorschach to identify neuropsychological resources and positive treatment outcome predictors



Anne Andronikof (France)
DISCUSSANT

Anne Andronikof, Ph.D. is currently emeritus professor of Psychopathology at Paris Nanterre University (France). Her research topics are the psychometric properties and clinical use of the Rorschach test, the role of self-image and narcissism in health processes and the psychopathology of violent behaviours. She is a clinical psychologist, presently focusing on psychology assessment in forensic settings and child and adolescent conduct disorders. Past-president of the International Society of the Rorschach and Projective Methods (ISR), Past-President of the Comprehensive System International Rorschach Association (CSIRA), Curator of the Hermann Rorschach Archives and Museum (HRAM) in Bern (Switzerland), fellow member of the Society for Personality Assessment, Honorary Editor of the international journal *Rorschachiana*, Associate editor of the French journal *Revue de Neuropsychiatrie de l'Enfance et de l'Adolescence*.

Meet The Rest of the Faculty



Odile Husain (Canada)
MODERATOR

Odile Husain, Ph.D., is a Founding Member of the Institute of Projective Psychology in Montreal (Canada) and is currently in charge of the only existing postgraduate program in projective techniques in the province of Quebec (a 5 year training course). She has completed several mandates as Member-at-Large, Secretary General and 1st Vice-President of the International Society for the Rorschach and Projective Methods. She is also a Fellow of the American Society for Personality Assessment. She has trained psychologists in her approach in different parts of the world.

REGISTRATION



EARLY BIRD UNTIL SATURDAY APRIL 4

**550 EUROS for ISR MEMBERS (515 CHF)
600 EUROS NON-MEMBERS (562 CHF)**



**REGULAR FEE AFTER APRIL 5
600 EUROS for ISR MEMBERS (562 CHF)
650 EUROS NON MEMBERS (609 CHF)**

The registration fee includes: Summer Seminars conference fee, three lunches, water, and coffee breaks in the morning and afternoon.

The number of attendees is limited. The seminar will be conducted in English without translation.

Please send your REGISTRATION FORM to Julijana Bosnjak at Hogrefe AG, Bern, either by e-mail: treasurer.isr@hogrefe.ch or by mail to: Julijana Bosnjak, Treasurer ISR, c/o Hogrefe AG, Länggass-Strasse 76, CH-3012 Bern, SWITZERLAND or Fax to +41313004590

The registration fee is payable by means of EUROCARD/MasterCard, Visa, Pay Pal or Bank Transfer

When attending this seminar, you will be joining a small elite group of Rorschach scholars who want to delve further into the method. There will be many opportunities for active participation, profit from the teachings, learnings, collaborations, networking, and camaraderie. This event is meant to generate new insights through cross-fertilization of ideas and move the field forward, while at the same time create a community of mind-like practitioners and scholars.



Summer Seminar July 9 to 11, 2026 will take place at the exclusive Majestic Hotel

HOTEL PRICES

Room reservations should be made directly via this web address:

ISR Hotel Majestic



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Confirmed Room Prices:

- **Night before (July 8): €125**
 - **July 9 to 11: €140**
- **Night after (July 11): €140**



FRIDAY DINNER (Additional fee)

*On Friday July 11 we will have the group dinner
at the Municipal House Café*

The Art Nouveau Municipal House Café is rightly ranked among the most beautiful cafés in Prague. It is located in the ground floor of the Municipal House and its interior is a real experience for every visitor. Many famous Czech artists and sculptors contributed to the building's unique décor.



INTERNATIONAL REPORTS

ARGENTINA



ADEIP – Argentine Association for the Study and Research in Psychodiagnosis

María Elena Ocampo, President

The Association was very active during these final months of 2025. The website was relaunched with a new administrator and a refreshed design. The 27th National Congress on Psychodiagnosis was organized within the framework of an agreement with the Inter-American Open University, which offered its facilities for the event. The event will take place on October 3 and 4, and will coincide with the renewal of the Association's authorities. We hope that the Congress, true to its motto, "Openings in Psychological Assessment and Psychodiagnosis," will reflect the spirit of respect, collaboration, and exchange among diverse currents, promoting the integration of all scientifically valid contributions and developments in the field of Psychological Assessment and Psychodiagnosis.

Several books by ADEIP member authors will be presented at the Congress:

- "The Role of Psi in Justice: Conflicts, Alternatives, and Decisions" by Cao Gené, M., Sobrero, D., and Micca, N.
- "Forensic Psychological Practice" by Schiano Di Cola, B.
- "Structural Diagnosis through Psychodiagnosis" by

Borelle, A., De la Fe, A., and Kriznik, N.

- "Psychological Assessment: Origins and Challenges in Ibero-American Countries" by Pugliese, S., and Livia, J.

- "Scene from Person Under the Sun" by Gallo, C. A. and "Return to Rorschach" by Peralta, A. will also be presented virtually.

The two virtual training courses on the Rorschach SC have continued to be offered, one from the Buenos Aires Delegation and the other from Rosario. In addition, short virtual introductory courses are offered on various techniques and specific topics, aimed at younger members and to disseminate lesser-known techniques.

ADEIP was present at both the Summer Seminar in Castelldefels and the 19th ALAR Congress, held in Santiago, Chile, on July 24, 25, and 26. At the latter, a large group of members presented papers: Sneiderman, S; Hernández, M. F.; Lemo, C.; Pitone, M.; González, N.; Melillo, O.; Schiano Di Cola, B.; Aizensztat, R.; Batista, V.; Naves, F.; Beltramino, L.; and Villamur, I.

During the coming months, we intend to strengthen the activities of the Delegations, which are very important in Argentina given the size of the country and the diverse needs of members from different regions, by promoting the organization of provincial and regional courses and conferences. And by 2026, we hope to schedule one or two in-person lectures by Ali Khadivi on the topic of "Suicide," which is

attracting increasing interest due to the need to design effective preventive measures.

AUSTRIA

Österreichische Rorschach Gesellschaft (ÖRORG)
Corinna Holzbauer

We, the Austrian Rorschach Society, translated the three CS-R manuals but face the problem that publishing is still uncertain. For the CS, there were well-prepared teaching materials already available. For the CS-R, there was no German literature to refer to, so we worked out the two manuals on coding and interpretation as detailed scripts. Screenshots from CHESSSS 2 and original assessment texts were also included for illustration and phrasing examples.

We are happy, and proud, to announce that we finally have great teaching materials at our disposal. In the past we offered on-site group lessons, due to a lack of colleagues ready to learn Rorschach diagnostics, we had to find a new path. Our solution: We have recorded the first part of the course, focusing on coding, on video with two students participating. The second part of this course, focusing on interpretation, is being recorded at the moment. We want to teach our participants how to use CHESSSS 2 as well and therefore regularly use it throughout the presentations. In between courses, there are home exercises and individual supervision sessions for each section. Participants must also record a self-conducted assessment and inquiry, which is then discussed with an instructor.

This allows interested colleagues from German speaking countries, we currently also have a colleague from Germany ready to start the training at any time. The presentations are delivered via video, and supervision takes place individually, usually via ZOOM. A final examination will be conducted as well. We hope that this, more flexible way of teaching will ensure the survival of Rorschach diagnostics in Austria and, hopefully, throughout the German speaking world. After all, there are no Rorschach societies in either Germany or Switzerland. The Rorschach procedure has only been mentioned critically in university education in recent decades and is not taught at universities today. Therefore, we

have the great task and responsibility to do our best to teach this invaluable method in a contemporary and serious manner.

BRAZIL



Associação Brasileira de Rorschach e Métodos Projetivos (ASBRo)
Andrés Eduardo Aguirre Antúnez, President

ASBRo has been organizing a continuous series of webinars throughout 2025. Following the first two sessions in March and April, we have maintained the program with new monthly meetings on topics such as HTP (Leila Tardivo), the Pfister Colored Pyramids Test (Anna Elisa de Villemor-Amaral and Lucila Moraes Cardoso), and clinical care in cases of child harassment/abuse (Silvia Pugliese, President of ALAR). These webinars strengthen our purpose of bringing together professionals who work with projective methods across different theoretical frameworks, fostering high-quality debate and continuous scientific updating.

The President of ASBRo, Andrés Antúnez, and Anna Elisa de Villemor-Amaral took part in the XIX Latin American Congress of Rorschach and Other Projective Techniques (ALAR), held in Santiago, Chile, at the Universidad San Sebastián – Campus Los Leones (July 23–26, 2025). The stay in Santiago provided an excellent opportunity to learn about research and to meet professionals from across Latin America who work with the Rorschach and projective methods and who are strongly committed to keeping them alive on our continent. A clear emphasis on qualitative approaches and in-depth case studies was evident, reaffirming the clinical and scientific relevance of these methods in the region. In this context, we joined ALAR—founded in Brazil by Fernando Villemor Amaral—and initiated discussions to organize a joint ASBRo–ALAR congress, likely in July 2028, in the city of São Paulo.

In July, several ASBRo members presented papers at the Congress of the Instituto Brasileiro de Avaliação Psicológica (Brazilian Institute of Psychological Assessment), held at Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais in Belo Horizonte (MG), which drew more than 1,700 participants. Sessions

dedicated to projective methods were consistently at capacity, averaging around 50 attendees per room—clear evidence of strong interest in these methods in Brazil, even at a conference where users of psychometric instruments constitute the majority.

Continuing our emphasis on training, we offered not only the third course in June, but also the fourth edition of the Professional Development Course in R-PAS (Administration, Coding, and Interpretation) in September, coordinated by Andrés Eduardo Aguirre Antúnez and Thaís Cristina Marques dos Reis, with faculty Terezinha Aparecida de Carvalho Amaro, Alfredo Mendes Chaves, and Ruth Lasas Long; Patrícia Ribeiro da Cruz was responsible for event organization. The course was delivered in partnership with Hogrefe, underscoring our commitment to technical rigor and the international circulation of knowledge.

Finally, ASBRo is organizing the Brazilian Congress of Rorschach and Projective Methods. Save the Date: July 29–31, 2026, Fortaleza (Northeast Brazil).

For more information about ASBRo and its activities: www.asbro.org.br

Andrés Eduardo Aguirre Antúnez
President of ASBRo

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Marc Desautels
President

The British Society for the Rorschach and Projective Methods (BRS) remains active despite our small size. We are preparing ourselves for our annual case presentation which will take place in the afternoon of the 3rd November in London. Two cases will be presented; one who was assessed with the Rorschach and another one with projective methods. This event is always well attended and has become something of a tradition for the BRS.

In October, the British Psychological Society reached out to ask for our help; we were asked to provide a statement to a BBC reporter who was working on a story about Greenlandic families who had their children taken away after being subjected to Denmark's now-banned "parenting competency tests." It seems that the Rorschach was used for this purpose. The reporter wanted to know about the test validity and reliability and if we thought it an appropriate tool for assessing parenting competence. We were able to provide promptly a statement explaining our position. To summarise very briefly, we wrote that any psychometric test should not be used on its own to make such decisions, but can be used as one source of information in the context of a comprehensive assessment.

The BRS was also approached by a documentary maker from Sky. They are making a film about Douglas Kelley, one of the psychiatrists who assessed the Nazi tried at Nuremberg after the second world war. As you are aware, the Rorschach was used in those assessments. The BRS will contribute by providing an overview about the Rorschach and its history.

Dr Halcrow and Dr Davis will begin delivering the annual training offered on behalf of the BRS on projective techniques. This training is now well-established and attracts an increasing number of psychologists. We are hoping to recruit more members through this initiative.

As I have often written in those bi-annual report, I am

very proud of the BRS. We are a small organisation, but we remain dynamic and involved in a wide array of activities.

DUTCH FLEMISH SOCIETY

Dutch Flemish Society of the Rorschach and Projective Methods

Abraham N. J. Pieters, President

This year brought us the much anticipated 2-day Summer Workshop on the Rorschach Assessment of Psychotic Phenomena presented by international key speakers James Kleiger & Ali Khadivi:

In this workshop Kleiger & Khadivi provided an up-to-date review of the uses of the Rorschach (R-PAS) in assessing and understanding psychotic phenomena, such as disordered and illogical thinking, impaired reality testing, and negative symptoms.

The recently published book *Assessing Psychosis: A Clinician's Guide* (Ali Khadivi, James H. Kleiger, 2024) is their latest contribution on the topic of psychoses.

We gladly present to you a brief report of this inspiring workshop!

As crazy as an onion! – psychosis as a layered phenomenon

NVVR Workshop Psychological assessment of psychosis: an advanced look and clinical case review [Novotel, Mechelen, May 15 & 16, 2025].
Kleiger & Khadivi

“The concept of psychosis does not lend itself to any short, easy, and unequivocal descriptive definition... has been and still is descriptively undefined or underdefined” (Joseph Parnas, 2015).

This quote marks the beginning of the workshop by James Kleiger and Ali Khadivi. Given the impressive background and experience of both guest speakers, this immediately indicates the complexity of the workshop's topic and how a certain degree of modesty seems appropriate. The concept of “psychosis” can be studied according to the proverbial “elephant by multiple blindfolded

researchers” (the whole can only be known through the sum of the different perspectives, and even then only to a certain extent).

The speakers therefore necessarily address the topic from many perspectives: the concept of psychosis as a noun or adjective; as a condition, or as a characteristic or symptom of an underlying “disease” or syndrome; linked to a mental process or psychological mechanism; a diagnosis, or a continuum/dimension with precursors and/or experiences resembling psychosis (outside the clinical population and within different cultures). In short, the “seemingly” unambiguous concept of “psychosis” reveals itself upon closer inspection to be highly multi-layered.

Even the characteristic symptoms: hallucinations, delusions, and disorganized thinking/speech, turn out to be merely the manifestations of underlying, important components of irrationality, lack of a sense of reality, and most importantly: whether or not there is a certain awareness of the presence or absence of the illness.

It is therefore not surprising that a good clinical understanding or assessing assessment of the (degree of) presence of a psychotic condition or diagnosis requires a multi-method approach in which several findings must be integrated: the history, together with (clinical) observations, more or less structured interviews, screening, self-reporting, hetero-anamnesis, and - last, but not least - performance based assessment, including the Rorschach!

“No other aspect of the Rorschach has held up and gained more traction than the area of identifying forms of psychotic phenomena, particularly disordered thinking and perception: Even the staunchest and harshest of the modern day critics of the Rorschach have spared the identification of thought disorder from their scathing attacks.”

While by no means a test of classification, the Rorschach proves indispensable for gaining insight into how a person's perception, verbalization, and interpretation manifest under less ambiguous and less structured circumstances, making it ideally suited for exploring vulnerabilities in this context. This

is especially true when important differential diagnostic questions arise.

With ample opportunity for multiple case studies (in the afternoon program), the workshop provided ample opportunity to see the Rorschach in action in practice. The first day even included a case study by one of the participants [!], which brought the level of participation to a particularly high level. The extensive attention to case studies contributed significantly to the crucial realization that the complex issues surrounding psychotic processes involve unique people with their own specific unique background and lived experience.

In addition to our regular courses (R-PAS and TAT SCORS-G) we will continue maintaining a lowered threshold for new members to join by providing most of our Rorschach work-groups digitally and answering the call for digital supervision from R-PAS users of varied levels of experience by our experienced R-PAS teachers.

We sincerely hope that our continuous efforts will result in a boost and/or renewal of interest in the Rorschach (R-PAS) and other performance-based assessment and/or projective methods!

Visit our website at www.rorschach.n!

FINLAND

The Finnish Rorschach Association
Emiliano Muzio, President

This year, the Finnish Rorschach Association celebrates its 30th anniversary. Founded in 1995 as The Finnish Rorschach Association for the Comprehensive System, our association officially changed its name in 2016 to leave out mention of the CS, thereby embracing all leading evidence-based systems. In practice, this means that Finland now widely adopts not only the CS and its conservatively updated version, the Comprehensive System–Revised (CS-R), but also the Rorschach Performance Assessment System (R-PAS).

Alongside this inclusive approach, our association continues to offer training in other widely used methods of personality assessment. For example, our

Spring Seminar this year focused on the Personality Assessment Inventory (PAI), presented by Joonas Suominen. According to recently published survey data (Psykologi, 4/2024), the PAI has now become the most frequently used personality assessment tool in Finland, with the Rorschach close behind at approximately 25% usage.

To mark our 30th anniversary, we are honored to welcome Anne Andronikof, emeritus professor of psychopathology at the University of Paris, as the speaker for our Autumn Seminar. Anne will present on the CS-R, illustrating its application through the case of a child and two forensic cases. It will be a great pleasure and honor to host Anne, who has served not only as a Past President of the ISR but also as a source of inspiration to colleagues worldwide through her clinical expertise and deep understanding of the Rorschach.

Looking ahead, our seminar next year will most likely focus on the R-PAS and its latest developments. The R-PAS team has been working intensively on exciting new website features as well as on gathering fresh reference data. We eagerly await news of these advances, along with updates on the Crisi Wartegg System and other innovative and fascinating performance-based methods.

We look forward to seeing you soon at future personality assessment events!

FRANCE

Société du Rorschach et des méthodes projectives de langue française
(Society of Rorschach and French-speaking projective methods)
By Céline Racin, President

We are delighted to share with you the latest news from the Society of Rorschach and French-speaking projective methods. Following the Paris conference held on 31 January 2025 at the Centre Alfred Binet on the theme of 'Les temps vécus' ('The times we live in'), the Society has been busy preparing its next two symposia and issues of the journal Psychologie Clinique et Projective.

Next Autumn Symposium in Poitiers, 20 & 21

November 2025: 'Gender, between current events and plurality'

The autumn conference will be held at the University of Poitiers on 20 and 21 November 2025, organised by Jean-Baptiste Marchand and his team at RPpsy Poitiers CAPS on the theme of 'Gender, between current events and plurality'.

This interdisciplinary symposium invites dialogue between gender and psychoanalysis and projective methods. It aims to examine how gender is invoked in a wide range of current social issues and topics: definitions of transgender, queer, non-binary and non-conforming identities; social inequalities in male/female relationships; sexual and gender-based violence; new family configurations and new forms of parenthood; sex education and emotional relationship programs, etc.

This symposium also aims to explore gender as an intermediate concept that lies at the crossroads of the psychosocial view of the subject's relationship to their own gender, the gender of the other and the other gender, between objectification and subjectification, but also at the crossroads of different academic disciplines and different registers (individual, collective, etc.), professional reflections and life experiences, sometimes fulfilling, sometimes painful.

This two-day conference will feature lectures and presentations by clinicians, researchers and young researchers in clinical psychology, law, sociology, history, philosophy, etc. The first day will be devoted to interdisciplinary debates that will serve as a backdrop for presentations more specifically devoted to projective methods on the second day.

We invite you to find out more about the programme available below and on the Society's website: <https://www.societerorschach.org/colloques>

Next Winter Symposium in Paris, 7 February 2026: 'Expertise and projective methods: ethical and clinical issues'

The next winter symposium will be held near Paris on 7 February 2026 and will focus on 'Expertise and projective methods: ethical and clinical issues'. This

new symposium organized by the Society invites participants to explore a number of questions on the clinical and ethical issues related to expertise in a dialogue between projective psychologists, expert psychiatrists and sociologists. The modern figure of the expert, as well as the validity and legitimacy of the tools and methods used in practice, will be examined in the various fields in which they are deployed: medical, scientific, artistic, cultural, political, judicial, etc.

We will examine what constitutes the position of expert and the act of expertise itself from the point of view of their clinical and subjective implications. More specifically, in the context of forensic expertise and from a multidisciplinary perspective, we will examine the nature of the request, the roles and expectations of the various parties involved (subject, expert, judicial authority, public) in relation to the expertise. We are pleased to welcome Prof. Pascal Roman, Jérôme Lamy (sociologist), Prof. Benoît Verdon, Prof. Magali Ravit, Dr François Danet (psychiatrist), Elise Pelladeau and Prof. Jean-Yves Chagnon to discuss these issues.

Here too, we invite you to find out more about the programme available below and on the Society's website: <https://www.societerorschach.org/colloques>.

As usual, the Nina Rausch de Traubenberg Thesis Prize will be awarded during the symposium. This prize rewards a thesis defended during the previous year for the quality of its contribution to the field of projective psychology, based on a double-blind evaluation of the applications submitted to the prize jury (whose members were Céline Racin, president of the society, as well as Prof. Jean-Yves Chagnon, Prof. Magali Ravit, Prof. Benoît Verdon, Elise Pelladeau and Tiziana Sola). Applications for the prize were received on 1 September and forwarded to the rapporteurs. The results will be communicated to the candidates in January 2026.

Clinical and Projective Psychology Journal – PCP

We conclude with some news from Psychologie clinique et projective (Clinical and Projective Psychology Journal- PCP), which publishes two issues per year.



Associazione Italiana Rorschach (AIR)

By Luca Bruno, President

The Italian Rorschach Association (AIR) is having a role in widening the study of both the Rorschach and projective Methods within the milieus of research, in developing clinical theory and practice, as well as teaching. All of the above contribute towards training, especially in Universities and specialization schools in both clinical psychology and psychotherapy.

A rigorous compliance with the phenomenological and psychoanalytic models remains a cornerstone of our Association.

More specifically, two online webinars have been organized during 2025. The first of them was held in May. It was focused on loss and featured three contributions on the following topics:

- the Common Rorschach as an external object in perinatal loss;
- the repetition compulsion and working through traumas during bereavement;
- the experience of loss on behalf of art, particularly when literary creation is concerned.

The second webinar is going to be held in November and will be focused on the most recent developments concerning the technical theory in the field of projection, with contributions on:

- revising the way the results of the tests are given back to the patients;
- the use of the Rorschach test and the changes in the administration of TAT test when gender variance (such as transgender, gender fluid and the like) patients are concerned
- integrating the projective tests through new tools (Dixit cards).

Our Association also collaborates with other Societies, as well as with training and research bodies in order to set up and carry out scientific

Two issues of *Psychologie clinique et projective* in tribute to Catherine Chabert are currently in preparation, in conjunction with the exceptional symposium which was held in Paris on Saturday 27 January 2024.

The first of these two issues will be published in October 2025 on the theme 'Les bigarrures de la clinique projective : hommage à Catherine Chabert'. This special issue will be based on the lectures and presentations of those who, building on the proven foundations of a psychoanalytical approach to projective tests, are continuing, deepening and building on the rich legacy left by Catherine Chabert, Emeritus Professor of Clinical Psychology and Psychopathology, who has made a major contribution to the development of a psychoanalytical approach to the Rorschach and projective methods, following in the footsteps of Didier Anzieu and Nina Rausch de Trautenberg.

The argument for the issue of the journal *Psychologie clinique et projective* in preparation for 2027, devoted to 'Genres and Projective Methods', is also available online at this address:

<https://www.societerorschach.org/revue>

We are delighted to keep you regularly informed of our activities on our website at <https://www.societerorschach.org/>.

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events, such as the one our Past President, Tiziana Sola, to be organized in October at the University of Chieti, titled “Figure della fragilità,” concerning fragility and its manifestations.

IRPSI

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IRPSI Scientific Director

Twenty years after the founding of IRPSI at the end of 2005 and the establishment of our first master’s program in 2006, our Institute is truly proud to have completed 26 editions of our master’s program, with the 27th now underway, as well as numerous workshops and thematic modules.

Our working model is structured to complement our traditional training, which integrates the teaching of the Rorschach test according to the Comprehensive System and now according to the Comprehensive System Revised, with the main psychodiagnostic tests most commonly used nationally and internationally, in both clinical and forensic fields, for adults, adolescents and children. Particularly, the Minnesota questionnaires, PAI for adults and children, family genogram, Thematic Apperception Test interpreted according to the SCORS-G scale by Westen and colleagues, questionnaires for assessment of personality disorders according to the DSM-5, also the alternative AMPD model, and WAIS-IV and WISC-V scales.

This integrated formula, which gives greater space to the Rorschach test but integrates its results with these other tests, has proved particularly effective for our students and members, who also greatly appreciate the teaching method, which is not only theoretical and abstract, but truly concrete and effective, i.e. combining classroom teaching (which, since COVID, has been carried out entirely online) with weekly small group supervision workshops, discussing not only Rorschach scoring but also complex cases in general, including forensic cases, as a complement and implementation of the curriculum. This is because, as we always emphasize in our teaching, psychodiagnostics with the Rorschach test is not an abstract academic activity, but something that could also be defined as a very practical and concrete practice that requires frequency, competence and experience of concrete relationships with patients.

Our plans for next year include the possibility of complementing our 27th master’s program, which will be wide-ranging and, like all previous programs, will last about a year and a half, with a shorter formula focused solely on the Rorschach Comprehensive System Revised and the main self-reports. This again complemented by evening workshops for practical supervision of cases. While the other tests will still be part of our teaching, they will be taught as separate and independent modules, in order to make the entire training program more flexible and better tailored to the specific professional characteristics and information needs of the participants.

We are also planning an event in 2026 to celebrate the 20th anniversary of our first course. This celebration will consist of presentations and discussions of complex multi-method cases.

JAPAN



Japanese Society for the Rorschach and Projective Methods (JSRPM)

Yuji Takase

We will report on the activities of the Japanese Society for the Rorschach and Projective Methods (JSRPM) from the beginning of 2025 to the end of the year.

The training seminar hosted by our society on May 18th of this year were based on the theme of “Considering the Findings of the Rorschach Method: Understanding Deeply and Communicating Clearly” and included the following three breakout sessions:

- (a) Considering Training and Field Guidance in Psychological Assessment through Live Supervision,
- (b) Psychological Assessment in Crime and Delinquency Fields,
- (c) The Rorschach Method Based on Psychodynamic Understanding. The seminar also included a lecture titled “How to Write the Rorschach Findings.”

The seminar attracted over 170 participants, with many expressing that it was “highly meaningful and provided deep learning.”

The annual conference will be held in Osaka on October 11 and 12. The conference theme is “The Scope and Depths of the Rorschach.” “Scope” suggests expanding the application areas of the Rorschach and projective methods, while “Depths” implies refining the interpretive theories underlying these methods. We hope this conference will serve as an opportunity to open up new perspectives for the future of the Rorschach and projective methods.

Japan Rorschach Society for the Comprehensive System (JRSC)

By Satoru Watanabe, President

1. Report on the 30th Tokushima Conference

On July 5th and 6th, 2025, the 30th Tokushima Conference of Japanese Rorschach Society for the Comprehensive System (JRSC) was held at Tokushima Bunri University in Tokushima City, Tokushima Prefecture.

Tokushima is a place that values the preservation of traditional culture, such as Awa Odori (Awa Dance Festival) and indigo dyeing. In line with this cultural backdrop, the conference set the theme " Passing Down the Tradition of the Comprehensive System to the Next Generation of Clinical Psychologists - Understanding the client's complex psychological state and supporting their growth " and featured numerous workshops and presentations.

Additionally, there was a keynote speech titled " Inheriting the tradition of the Comprehensive System - How did I became a Rorschacher" by advisor Masamichi Noda (Health Sciences University of Hokkaido), and a case study on the "Broken Mirror Syndrome -A Requiem for John E. Exner " by advisor Noriko Nakamura (Nakamura Psychotherapy Institute).

Approximately 230 psychological clinicians, ranging from young professionals to veterans, participated in the conference and engaged in lively discussions regarding the effectiveness of the Comprehensive System in psychological assessment.



From left, President Satoru Watanabe, Advisor Noriko Nakamura, Advisor Masamichi Noda.

2. Introducing a new training session

JRSC has decided to hold a new training session in December 2025 to encourage the acquisition of the Certificate of Proficiency in the Rorschach Comprehensive System (CPCS) and to better utilize the Comprehensive System in psychological clinical practice.

This training session will serve as a bridge between CPCS Level 1 (Basic) and Level 2 (Intermediate), aiming to eliminate coding errors and enable the

creation of accurate support plans based on the results of the Comprehensive System.

Furthermore, as in previous years, we also plan to hold CPCS Level 1 and Level 2 training sessions, interpretation courses, and regional training sessions.

Through these various training sessions, JRSC hopes to help members improve their Comprehensive Systems skills in clinical psychology practice and thereby support in achieving clients' well-being.

SPAIN



SERYMP Report

Various members of SERYMP are involved in teaching and research on Rorschach and Projective Methods.

Ana Fernandez Manchón teaches the course: "Distance Learning Training in Rorschach Psychodiagnostics." This training covers everything from the fundamentals of the test to comprehensive interpretation, preparing professionals to administer, code, and interpret the Rorschach test with competence and confidence. We follow the integrative approach of J. E. Exner, as disseminated in Spain by Dr. C. Sendín, including updates made by the Rorschach Workshops team and the International Rorschach Institute. The main objective of the course is to provide students with training in the administration, coding, and interpretation of psychodiagnostics through the Rorschach test, Revised Comprehensive System (R-CS). The 2nd edition of course I begins on October 17, 2025 and ends in June 2026.

On September 20, 2025, the 5th edition of the "Online Expert in Psychodiagnostics through Projective Techniques" began. Understanding Tools for Children, Adolescents, and Adults from the Official College of Psychology of Madrid, coordinated by Esther Roperti. This edition has 25 participants.

Alberto Ruiz Comeras teaches projective techniques in the courses Psychological Assessment I and II (diagnostic play hour, graphic projective techniques,

Rorschach Test, and thematic techniques) in the Psychology degree and double degrees in Psychology+Business Administration and Psychology+Criminology at Comillas Pontifical University, as well as a free Clinical Case Seminar on psychodiagnostics with projective techniques open to Psychology students from all universities in the Community of Madrid (activity organized by the Comillas Psychology Students Association - AEPSICO). In May 2025, a Bachelor's thesis on psychoanalytic psychodiagnostics with Rorschach and projective techniques supervised by Alberto was defended. Recently, Alberto defended his 1st doctoral plan before the tribunal on graphic projective techniques (international co-supervision between Comillas and UCES).

Cristina Belinchón is currently teaching the course "Rorschach Test" (150 hours), with 5 students. It will conclude in December 2025.

Research: The Olga Project continues, whose preliminary results were previously presented in Geneva. It is currently in the second phase of collecting protocols and complementary information. We want to remind you that the Olga Project has been linked to Comillas University (Madrid), which is excellent news for keeping the Rorschach test alive, and that the project aims to obtain standardization of the Rorschach in Spain.

SCRIMP Report

This past 2025, we have continued with the dissemination of projective techniques, both through our own courses and through collaboration with the Official College of Psychologists of Catalonia by offering workshops and conferences on this topic.

In March, a conference on Applications of the Rorschach Test in Clinical Practice was held, taught by Yolanda González, which had numerous participation from members who did not have specific training in projective techniques and who, as a result of this activity, began to take interest in this type of technique.

This September, Elisabeth Ballús will give a conference on the Patte Noire (Black Foot), with 54

participants, which tells us that interest in projective techniques is great among members.

During this year, not everything was good news: in February we lost Pere Barbosa, about whom we will publish a heartfelt In Memoriam in this very newsletter. This great professional and even better person, specialist in Graphic Projective Techniques, has left us extensive bibliography on the subject, and in June, his collaborator on recent projects, Artur Sales, presented the latest book on Animal Drawing at the COPC.

Finally, this October we will begin a new Rorschach course, level I (Coding) and level II (Interpretation), and we hope that in the future these new students may also become members of our society.



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INK STORY

HISTORY OF THE RORSCHACH METHOD IN VIETNAM



The Rorschach was first introduced to Vietnam by Nguyen Van Thanh, a psychology professor at Minh Duc University in Saigon (before 1975). He was a French-speaking psychoanalytically-oriented academician, who had been trained in the French school of projective methods during his university studies in France. For this reason, his approach to the Rorschach was influenced by authors such as Didier Anzieu, Cécile Beizmann, Françoise Minkowska, or Samuel Beck. Returning to South Vietnam (before 1975) to teach psychology at Minh Duc University, he began to write several books in Vietnamese, including one specifically on the Rorschach.

It is difficult to determine an exact date for the introduction of the Rorschach in Vietnam. On the other hand, if there is one, we could take the date of publication of the first Vietnamese work where the method and the use of the Rorschach was described. This book was written by Prof. Nguyen Van Thanh. The date of publication was 1973.

Following the inauguration of the Department of Psychology within the Faculty of Humanities and Art in Minh Duc University, and the appearance of the introductory book to the Rorschach by Prof. Nguyen Van Thanh, one could say that the Rorschach was introduced in Vietnam from the beginning of the academic year in 1973-1974. However, in April 1975, as Vietnam reunified and the academic institutions of the old Saigon regime had to dissolve in favor of the new collectivist education system, the teaching of the Rorschach, projective methods, as well as other American approaches or European studies of psychology in Vietnam was suspended until after the great economic and political reform of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam in 1986. Nowadays, the inaugural effort of Prof. Nguyen Van Thanh has been recognized again. On the other hand, it is still difficult to find his work and his teachings, as they are no longer available to the public.

It took quite a long time for the new waves of young Vietnamese psychologists to find the opportunity to learn and use projective tools, including the Rorschach. The main reason is that there were no predecessors available in the field (teachers who came from South Vietnam before 1975 such as Nguyen Van Thanh could no longer teach in the new education system, due to political differences). Thus, only Vietnamese psychologists who have studied abroad (especially in France) are familiar with these methods of psychological examination. Also, thanks to very fruitful collaborations between French-speaking and Vietnamese academicians since the end of the 1990s, the Rorschach has gradually come back to life within clinical practice and in some research projects in Vietnam.

The official teaching of the Rorschach and other projective methods in Vietnamese universities finally resumed in 2019, following the inauguration of the master's program in clinical psychology at the University of Social Sciences and Humanities of the Vietnam National University in Ho Chi Minh City. These methods are presented to future psychologists in two different modules over two years, supported by three Vietnamese psychologists trained in France (PhD. Le Hoang The Huy, MA. Bui Thi Quynh Anh and MA. Nguyen Thi Thu Hien). This academic year marks the 4th consecutive time that the Rorschach and projective methods are taught within this faculty.

By Le Hoang The Huy

BOOK REVIEWS, RESOURCES, MEDIA AND MORE

Neuropsychological Rorschach Assessment: Science and Practice

Scheduled for publication in February 2026 (Routledge)

by Emiliano Muzio

Neuropsychological Rorschach Assessment: Science and Practice is an ambitious and long-awaited contribution to the contemporary assessment literature. It offers the first comprehensive synthesis of more than a century of research linking Rorschach performance to intelligence and cognitive functions, neurocognitive and neurodevelopmental disorders, and brain structure and function. Drawing on evidence ranging from Hermann Rorschach's early observations of "organic" disorders and Zygmunt Piotrowski's ten organic signs to cutting-edge neuroimaging findings, the book provides a solid foundation for clinicians and scholars seeking to integrate the Rorschach and personality assessment with neuroscience and neuropsychology.

The textbook is divided into two parts. Part I reviews the empirical research foundations of neuropsychological Rorschach assessment. It begins by situating the test in its historical context, describing its use—both in practice and research—not only as a personality assessment instrument, but also as a tool for evaluating neuropsychologically impaired individuals. After considering its use according to contemporary evidence-based systems such as Exner's

Emiliano Muzio, Ph.D., is a licensed psychologist and psychotherapist in private practice in Helsinki. Since the late 1990s, he has taught psychological assessment at the Universities of Paris, Jyväskylä, and Helsinki, as well as at the École des Psychologues Praticiens in Paris. Over the same period, he has been a regular presenter at conferences on personality assessment and neuropsychology and is the leading organizer of a one-year Rorschach training program in Finland (CS & R-PAS). He has also regularly organized training and taught therapeutic/collaborative assessment and the Wartegg Drawing Completion Test (WDCT) according to the Crisi Wartegg System (CWS; Crisi & Palm, 2018). Dr. Muzio has authored and co-authored several peer-reviewed publications, is the author of *Neuropsychological Rorschach Assessment: Science and Practice* (Routledge, February 2026), and is co-author of a chapter in *Using the Rorschach Performance Assessment System (R-PAS)* (Mihura & Meyer, Eds., Guilford, 2018). He currently serves as First Vice-President of the ISR, President of the Finnish Rorschach Association, and Finnish representative for the Italian Institute of Wartegg.



Comprehensive System (CS) and the Rorschach Performance Assessment System (R-PAS), and the contribution of these systems to bridging the gap between personality and neuropsychological assessment, the book moves on to summarize research in three broad areas:

1. relationships between Rorschach performance, intelligence, and cognitive functions;
2. Rorschach findings across a range of neurocognitive and neurodevelopmental disorders (e.g., dementia of the Alzheimer's type, dementia with Lewy bodies, traumatic brain injury, ADHD, autism spectrum disorder); and
3. associations between Rorschach variables and brain structure or function as examined through neuroimaging techniques.

A major strength of the book is how it brings clarity to constructs that are often misunderstood, treated in isolation, or overlooked in terms of their neuropsychological implications. For example, the chapter on intelligence and cognitive functions organizes relevant Rorschach variables into four categories: (1) adaptive resources, mentalization, and coping; (2) perceptual-cognitive complexity and sophistication; (3) psychotic phenomena; and (4) additional variables whose neuropsychological underpinnings appear more complex or require further research. Throughout, discussions are consistently anchored in empirical findings.

The examination of neurocognitive and neurodevelopmental disorders is particularly detailed, with sections devoted to characteristic response patterns and research-based interpretive hypotheses for each condition. The book also provides one of the clearest overviews to date of neuroimaging findings related to specific Rorschach variables. These include studies on amygdala size and activation in relation to unique responses, mirror-neuron-system engagement in human movement responses, and hemispheric contributions to color determinants—connecting each pattern to theoretical models of affective modulation, embodied mentalization, and hemispheric asymmetry. As some reviewers have noted, few sources manage to bridge personality dynamics with brain imaging as cohesively as this textbook.

The book's practical value becomes especially clear in Chapter 6, which presents guidelines summarizing the neuropsychological correlates of key CS and R-PAS variables. This chapter walks readers through common interpretive questions—such as how to differentiate a Form-dominant protocol reflecting a simplistic or avoidant perceptual-cognitive style from one reflecting verbal expressive limitations or genuine cognitive deficits. These guidelines help clinicians navigate Structural Summaries (CS) and Profile Pages (R-PAS) with a neuropsychological mindset and effectively translate decades of research into accessible recommendations. This section will be particularly useful for those wishing to integrate typical-performance-based and maximum-performance-based assessment.

Part II contains four in-depth clinical case illustrations that demonstrate how the Rorschach can contribute to both personality and neuropsychological multimethod assessment. These are not brief vignettes: they include neuropsychological test data, behavioral observations, self-report findings, neurological information, and full Rorschach interpretations, including considerations of protocol validity, key variables, and qualitative features. The cases include:

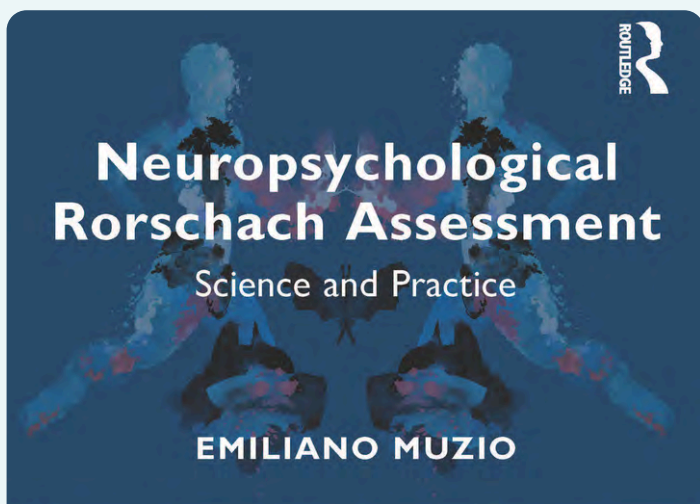
- Early-onset Alzheimer's disease, with multiple follow-ups spanning more than two years; the evolving response patterns show how the Rorschach can detect changes in cognitive and personality functioning that traditional neuropsychological tools may not capture.

- A complex presentation of ADHD, traumatic brain injury, and personality disorder, illustrating how attentional dysregulation, impulsivity, and interpersonal defensiveness shape the response process and how the Rorschach can help distinguish personality-related phenomena from sequelae of brain injury.
- Autism spectrum disorder with grief-related issues, highlighting perceptual idiosyncrasy, reduced adaptive resources, and difficulties with the verbal and semantic processing of emotions.
- Cognitive deterioration in a case of alcohol dependence with a history of psychotic depression, with a five-year follow-up Rorschach revealing a nuanced interplay between situational defensiveness, cognitive deficits, and more longstanding features of psychopathology.

Each case illustrates the book's overarching aim: to show how the Rorschach provides a unique window into implicit, performance-based aspects of perception, cognition, and personality that complement both self-report measures and maximum-performance tasks such as intelligence or neuropsychological tests.

The Preface emphasizes why this book is timely: although research linking Rorschach variables to cognitive capacity, neurocognitive disorders, and brain function is extensive, it has remained relatively sparse in terms of integrated, clinician-focused summaries. This textbook fills that gap by offering an organized, accessible synthesis and guidelines to help broaden the scope of Rorschach and multimethod assessment in clinical practice.

The goal of the book is not to replace existing manuals for the different Rorschach systems but to help bridge the mind-body divide that continues to separate personality assessment from neuropsychology and to promote a more holistic understanding of brain-mind-behavior relationships. The call to move "beyond the mind-body dichotomy" is supported throughout by historical analysis, empirical research, and clinical illustrations.



Neuropsychological Rorschach Assessment is notable for its combination of historical depth, empirical rigor, clinical richness, and practical utility. It stands out as the first textbook to systematically integrate evidence-based personality assessment with neuropsychology in a comprehensive and clinically meaningful way.

For psychologists, neuropsychologists, and students interested in how typical-performance-based methods—and the Rorschach in particular—can illuminate brain-behavior relationships, this book offers an essential reference and a model of how multimethod assessment can be both scientifically grounded and clinically attuned.



The Soundblot is the exclusive podcast of the International Society for Rorschach and Projective Methods. Featuring exclusive interviews, the Soundblot wishes to contribute to the oral storytelling tradition by taking ISR members on a personal encounter with notable Rorschach and Projective Methods experts. We want our listeners to hear our guests relate stories and discussions about their research, theories, practice, and collaborative experiences that have changed their lives and the landscape of the Rorschach and Projective Methods field. From history to the most modern research findings, history and clinical cases that are re-shaping the field, our guests will answer your questions, teach, challenge, surprise, and inspire you.



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RORSCHACHIANA NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

By Filippo Achieri
Rorschachiana Editor

A Milestone for Rorschachiana – Impact, Applications, and the Rorschach in Diagnostic Systems

This second issue of Rorschachiana appears with its first official impact factor from Web of Science for 2024. The journal debuts in this highly selective database with a score of 1.8, ranking 98th out of 185 journals in the field of clinical psychology. This recognition provides clear evidence that Rorschach studies are part of the well-grounded and internationally acknowledged scientific exploration. We continue to encourage contributors to consider Rorschachiana for the publication of their studies, case reports, and research, particularly in light of its open-access format, which allows for immediate dissemination and broad international reach.

I am pleased to introduce the current volume, which is organized into two sections. The first section presents four regular submissions, while the second is a special section on the topic *The Use of the Rorschach to Enhance Diagnostic Systems*. In the first section, Matsuda and colleagues (2025) and Milesi and colleagues (2025) re-analyze existing databases from prior Rorschach studies to explore new research questions. This strategy is particularly promising given the increasing emphasis on open science frameworks, especially in the context of Rorschach research, where data collection is uniquely challenging and resource intensive. Mazzeschi and colleagues (2025) extend the line of work on attachment previously published in Rorschachiana (see for example, Berant, 2017; Berant & Zim, 2013). Their contribution examines the concept of attachment defenses as articulated in another narrative assessment, the Adult Attachment Projective Picture System (AAP; George & West, 2012). By linking the Rorschach to central constructs of attachment theory, their study continues a fruitful dialogue between projective methods and attachment research.

Carstairs and colleagues (2025) present a clinical case study of a patient who – supported by his therapist – underwent significant life changes that influenced multiple domains of functioning. The patient's initial difficulties, the mobilized resources, and the subsequent transformation are documented through two Rorschach protocols administered 14 years apart.

The second section, specially curated by Radhika Krishnamurthy, is devoted to the use of the Rorschach in enhancing diagnostic systems, and she outlines the origins and the rationale of this collection in her editorial (Krishnamurthy, 2025). Krishnamurthy notes that only the contribution by Philips and Bach (2025) met the requirements of the initial call for papers, while the other three invited papers (Acklin, 2025; Fontan, 2025; Husain, 2025) were included for their relevance to the relationship between the Rorschach and contemporary diagnostic models. The section concludes with a commentary by Robert Bornstein (2025), whose earlier work (Bornstein, 2022) provided the impetus for this issue. His commentary addresses timely issues such as categorical vs. dimensional models of psychopathology and the Rorschach, the role of the Rorschach within multi-method assessment, and the unique contributions of the Rorschach compared with self-report instruments.

Taken together, the two sections form a coherent whole. The first underscores the versatility of the Rorschach in advancing empirical research, bridging theories of personality and attachment, and informing clinical practice. The second complements this by situating the Rorschach within broader diagnostic debates, showing how the method could contribute to the refinement of contemporary assessment systems. Both parts of the volume, though distinct in scope, reflect the same overarching theme: the integration of Rorschach research into the wider scientific discourse of psychology.

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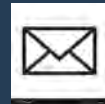
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