Kia ora koutou/Dear Colleagues

Greetings from Aotearoa New Zealand.

I am writing to you about a publishing opportunity.

I have been asked by Professor Del Loewenthal (Roehampton University, UK) to edit a special issue of the European Journal of Psychotherapy & Counselling (see https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rejp20/current). I responded with a proposal to edit an issue on “Indigenous Psychotherapies in Europe”. As some of you may know, since emigrating to Aotearoa New Zealand nearly ten years ago, I have become very interested in indigenous worldviews and praxis, an interest that has made me reflect on my own indigeneity (English, Welsh, Celtic) and that of others, and the invitation to join this network. I have also written about "Southern psychotherapies" (see attachment), and supported others to write about this subject (see attachment), so, when I was invited to edit a special issue of the EJPC, I thought this would be an interesting and important topic.

In thinking about possible contributions, I reflected on indigeneity and its implications in and for psychotherapy: for example, what might be Viennese about psychoanalysis and what might be considered "British" about "the British Independent School"; and, if psychotherapy is indigenous, to what extent is it universal (or not); and, if not, how applicable is it either when it is transported and becomes part of the colonising forces including psychology or when “applied” to, say, immigrants into Europe from other cultures.

Currently, I have a number of colleagues writing about various aspects of psychotherapy for this special issue: about psychotherapy of Sicily and Italy; about the influence of the work of Kierkegaard on psychotherapy in Denmark; about the concept of contact (from someone who speaks four languages); and, hopefully, about the influence/impact of Irish mythology on psychotherapy in Ireland. At this stage, I am looking for a couple of further contributions. If you live or work in Europe and are interested in this project and to contributing an article, please write to me at keith.tudor@aut.ac.nz. The deadline for initial submissions is 31st January; following peer-review, the deadline for final submissions is 31st March.

Ngā mihi/Regards, Keith

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