The Clinic of Baruch Ivcher School of Psychology at IDC Herzliya
Is pleased to invite you to a Workshop on:

Understanding the Rorschach Performance Assessment System (R-PAS)

Led by Gregory J. Meyer, Ph.D. & Joni L. Mihura, Ph.D.

Wednesday-Thursday, December 2-3 2015, at 8:30am
Room PEB20, Ivcher-Tiomkin building
IDC Herzliya, Israel

This two-day workshop provides a clinically focused understanding of the Rorschach Performance Assessment System (R-PAS). R-PAS is a relatively new, empirically-grounded system that uses the task as a verbal and perceptual behavior sample obtained under standardized conditions such that personality inferences are based on observed performance rather than self-description. Test scores are compared to internationally-based reference norms and graphically displayed using standard scores. R-PAS emphasizes scores where there is a clear link between the psychological processes associated with the perceptions and behaviors coded in the microcosm of the task and inferences about parallel psychological processes associated with the perceptions and behaviors that make up personality characteristics expressed in everyday behavior. After describing the rationale for using R-PAS and the problems that it corrects for relative to previous systems, we focus on its distinctive features related to administration, coding, normative reference data, and interpretation, and apply the system to two cases. Participants may be just learning to use the Rorschach, though the presentation is oriented towards those who have some previous Rorschach-based assessment experience.

This workshop should be useful for practitioners and for people who teach or supervise psychological assessment. It should appeal to practitioners and teachers interested in learning how to more fully and accurately understand clients through multimethod clinical assessments that incorporate making careful inferences from valid, performance based R-PAS scales. Although the workshop may be of use and interest to students with no knowledge of the Rorschach, those who are familiar with Rorschach-based assessment will benefit the most. The workshop largely will be didactic on most of the first day, though interactive around the case conceptualizations.

The number of participants is limited. Pre-registration is required. Please pre-register by Sunday, November 29th, 2015
For registration click here

You can contact us by email: psyevent@idc.ac.il
PROGRAM OUTLINE:

Wednesday December 2\textsuperscript{nd}

8:30  Registration
9:00  Orientation and overview of the Rorschach and issues leading up to R-PAS
10:15 Break
10:30 Overview of R-PAS and rationale for its development; Administration and coding
11:45 Lunch
1:15  Normative data, complexity adjustments, and overview of the scoring program
2:45  Break
3:00  Interpretive principles and procedures and introduction to Case 1
5:00  Closing of Day 1

Thursday December 3\textsuperscript{rd}

9:00  Review of yesterday’s material, Q & A; Continue Case 1
10:30 Break
10:45 Finish up Case 1 and begin Case 2
12:15 Lunch
1:45  Continue with Case 2
3:00  Break
4:15  Complete Case 2, Q & A
5:00  Evaluations and Closing

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES:
Participants will be able to:

1. Describe the basic empirical and conceptual foundation for variables in R-PAS.
2. Summarize the value of "performance assessment" as a foundation for clinical interpretation.
3. Explain why new normative reference standards improve clinical inferences.
4. Describe the procedures that allow R-PAS norms to be expressed as Standard Scores despite the fact that many summary variables do not have normal distributions.
5. Implement standardized administration procedures that optimize the length of Rorschach protocols.
6. Summarize the R-PAS principles for accurate interpretation and contrast them with previous models.
7. Apply R-PAS interpretive procedures and guidelines to a case.
Gregory J. Meyer, Ph.D., is a Professor of Psychology at the University of Toledo, where he has been since 2003. Before this he was at the University of Alaska Anchorage and also the University of Chicago Medical Center, where he was the director of the inpatient and outpatient Psychological Assessment Service. He was the Editor of the Journal of Personality Assessment from 2002 to 2013. His research focuses on psychological assessment, with an emphasis on the integration of personality assessment methods. Much of his work has addressed performance-based measures of implicit processes, most notably the Rorschach. He has made seminal contributions to the published literature in this area, as well as in psychometrics and assessment more generally. On four occasions the Society for Personality Assessment has given him Distinguished Contribution Awards for articles in the published literature. He is a Fellow of Division 5 (Evaluation, Measurement, & Statistics) of the American Psychological Association and of the Society for Personality Assessment. He is currently co-editing a case book to be published by Guilford in 2016 entitled Applications of the Rorschach Performance Assessment System (R-PAS).

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