



# FRANCES TUSTIN MEMORIAL TRUST 3<sup>rd</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE BEYOND AUTISTIC BARRIERS

*Treating and understanding*

13th - 14th - 15th October 2006 Isola di S.Servolo  
Venice

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## **Conference Website:**

[www.frances-tustin-autism.org](http://www.frances-tustin-autism.org)

"... Thou didst, as one,  
Who, journeying through the darkness, hears a light  
Behind, that profits not himself, but makes  
His followers wise, ..."  
Dante Alighieri Purgatory XXII,67-69

The next Conference of the Frances Tustin Memorial Trust will take place in Venice. Since the Eighties, Frances Tustin held seminars with psychotherapists, psychoanalysts and educators in Rome and Venice. The current debate in Italy on the understanding and treatment of autism in children and adults owes a great deal to her heritage. The upcoming Conference, after the ones in London (2004) and Caen (2005), will be another opportunity to exchange our views on the research and the treatment of autistic states in the light of her thoughts.

Tustin's ideas, born from the courage with which she looked within herself while thinking about her patients, have shed new light on the dark scene of autism.

Beyond the defensive use of *autistic shapes* and *autistic objects*, she showed a world of intense emotions, a patient waiting to grasp the psychotherapist's hand and re-experience a dramatic past that has hitherto gone un-witnessed, impossible to be represented in the mind. It is in this light that we have seen our patients more akin to common human nature and we have felt them closer to us.

The conference is organized in plenary sessions and, on Saturday afternoon, in parallel groups with the presentation of clinical material. On Sunday morning there will be a round table discussion concluding the conference. The aim of the conference is to encourage people to share their experience and much space will be given to discussion.

We hope many of you will attend the event and that we will all gain from it.

## Friday 13 October

12:00 Registration

14:15 Welcome address and opening of the conference.

14:45 Introduction.

15:15 **First session:** (presentation, elaborative commentary, discussion )

*“When language is used as an `Autistic Object': problems in achieving communication”*

*Anne Alvarez*

16:45 Break.

17:00 **Second session:** (presentation, elaborative commentary, discussion)

*“Technical implications of Tustin’s work for the analytic treatment of autistic states in adults”*

*Judith Mitrani*

18:30 End of the first day.

19:30-20:30 Private visit to S. Marco Basilica with organ accompaniment

## Saturday 14 October

09:30 **Third session** (presentation, elaborative commentary, discussion)

*“Autistic barriers as a defence against sharing psychic space”*

*Didier Houzel*

11:00 Break.

11:30 **Fourth session** (presentation, elaborative commentary, discussion)

*Title pending*

*Dina Vallino*

13:00 Lunch in the place of the conference.

14:30 **Parallel groups.**

17:30 End of the second day.

20:30 Social dinner in the Armenian College, Palazzo Zenobio.

## Sunday 15 October

09:00 **Fifth session** (presentation, elaborative commentary, discussion)

*“Reflections on autism and psychosis”*

*Salomon Resnik*

10:30 Break.

10:45 **Round table**

*“How to continue: ideas for the future”*

12:00 Discussion with the audience.

12:30 Close of conference.

Have confirmed their participation

A.Alvarez (London), P.Barrows (London), L.Boccanegra (Venezia), V.Bonaminio (Roma), C.Cattelan (Padova), J.Culbert-Koehn (Los Angeles), P.Delion (Lille), C.Fix Korbivcher (S. Paulo), R.Gaddini (Roma), G.Hautmann (Firenze), D.Houzel (Caen), M.La Scala (Padova), B.Lechevalier (Caen), E.Levis (Venezia), S.Maiello (Roma), J.Mitrani, (Los Angeles) T.Mitrani (Los Angeles), F.Monti (Bologna), S.Nissim (Pisa), M.Pagliarani (Vacallo, CH), M.Pozzi (London), M.Rhode (London), S.Resnik (Paris), D.Vallino (Milano), F.Zacchello (Padova).

**For programme and participants update see web site [www.frances-tustin-autism.org](http://www.frances-tustin-autism.org)**

**Simultaneous translation in English, French and Italian will be provided.**

**Accreditation for ECM will be asked to the Ministry of Health.**

**Registration form is already available on the website: [www.frances-tustin-autism.org](http://www.frances-tustin-autism.org), where it is also possible to find information about Hotels registration.**

## General Information

### Preliminary programme

The preliminary programme will be available in April and will be sent to those who will register and those who will ask for it to the Organising Secretariat e-mail address.

### Congress Venue

The “Isola di San Servolo” is one of the islands of Venice. It is centrally located and in front of San Marco Square, the heart of the city and its major tourist attraction.

The “Isola di San Servolo” is well connected to the railway station and the airport by public ferry-boats or private taxi-boats.

The Conference Centre in the Isola di San Servolo comprises the auditorium and other meeting rooms. In the Center there are bed rooms available for students and participants in the conferences.

### Registrations

In order to register to the congress it is necessary to fulfil the registration form (already available on the web site) and send it to the organising secretariat with the copy of the payment done. If you will pay with the credit card you can directly send the form by fax ( Secretariat fax number : 0039055520961 kind attention of Mrs Chiara Zanetti)

Students must register sending a photocopy of the student registration form or a statement form from a supervisor.

### Hotel accommodation

Rooms have been booked for the conference in various hotel categories; some are close to piazza San Marco and some others are directly located in the Isola di San Servolo. You can book your stay in through the Conference Secretariat. Venice is an extremely popular venue for tourists in October, so room reservations will have to be made largely in advance and in any case no later than June 15 2006.

In the hotel reservation form, a deposit of one night stay is requested; the difference between the amount paid and the total bill of the room will be directly paid by the participants in the hotel.

The Organising Secretariat charge €20,00 for agency expenses.

Reservations will be made according to availability.

### Cancellations and variations

The organizing secretariat must be informed of any cancellations by **20th of August 2006**. The congress fee will be refunded but € 30,00 penalty will be retained for administrative costs. No refund will be made for cancellations after this date.

Attendees may be replaced by a substitute only in exceptional cases.

The organizing secretariat must be informed in writing of any cancellations of hotel reservations by **20th of August 2006**. This will entitle you to a full refund minus a € 30,00 penalty for administrative costs. After August 20 2006 no refund will be given.

For any variation in the original reservation, made after 30th of September, there will be a charge of €10,00 to update the IT systems and inform the hotel of the changes.

Refunds will be made at the end of the congress.

For **transport details** see the website [www.frances-tustin-autism.org](http://www.frances-tustin-autism.org)

**Additional transport** will be available between San Zaccaria and the conference venue at certain times of day for the participants.

## How to reach Venice

### From *Marco Polo International Airport*:

- *Alilaguna waterbus* service: this company offers a service that goes from the airport to Murano, the Lido, the Arsenale with a final stop at San Marco. Tickets cost €10.00. and can be purchased in the arrival hall of the airport or directly on board. Boats leave hourly. Take shuttle bus from terminal to dock. [Timetable](#)
- *ATVO Public buses*: these blue buses run hourly from the airport to Piazzale Roma and they leave from in front of the entrance of the departure hall. Tickets cost €2.70 and can be purchased at the ATVO stand in the arrival hall or directly on board. The service runs from 9.00 to 24.00 and takes about 20 minutes to reach Venice. [Timetable](#)
- *ACTV Public bus n°5*: these orange buses run every half hour. The last stop is "Piazzale Roma". Tickets cost €1.00 and can be purchased from the tobacconist inside the departure hall. The service takes about 25 minutes to reach "Piazzale Roma". [Timetable](#)
- *Water and land TAXIs*: you can take a private water taxi directly to your final destination (from the airport to San Marco it costs about €75). Alternatively you can take a land taxi to Piazzale Roma, and from there catch a public boat, called a "vaporetto", to the stop closest to your final destination.

### Coming by car:

you can come by car to Venice, crossing the long bridge on the lagoon. Once in Venice you can leave your own vehicle in "Piazzale Roma" or "Tronchetto" parking areas. Parking at "Piazzale Roma" will cost between €20 and €24 per day. To reach "Tronchetto" parking area (fares: €18.00 for 24 hours), as you come into Venice, follow the signs and turn right before "Piazzale Roma". Another solution is to park your car in front of Mestre train station in the mainland (around €4.15 per day), where are frequent trains and buses between Mestre and Venice Piazzale Roma: see [ACTV homepage](#), schedule for Bus n° 2).

### Coming by Train:

Venice train station is named "Venezia Santa Lucia" and is well connected with every major city in Italy and Europe. [Timetable](#)

## How to reach the Isola di San Servolo:

### From San Marco to San Servolo:

The public boat to San Servolo leaves from the Riva degli Schiavoni at San Marco. The stop, named "San Zaccaria", is in front of the Londra Palace Hotel and you can take boats n° 20. Tickets cost €1.80. [Timetable](#)



### From Piazzale Roma to San Servolo:

There are several choices from Piazzale Roma to San Servolo. You must take either the n°1, n°51, n°41 or n°82 boat (not bus!), direction "Lido", and get off at the San Zaccaria boat stop. At San Zaccaria you must change to line n°20. Both lines leave from in front of the Londra Palace Hotel. [Timetable](#)

### From the train station to San Servolo

There are several choices from the train station to San Servolo. You must take either the n°1, n°51 or n°82 boat, direction "Lido", and get off at the San Zaccaria boat stop. At San Zaccaria you must change to line n°20. Lines arrive and leave from in front of the Londra Palace Hotel. [Timetable](#)