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Cambridge Forum for Children's Emotional Wellbeing Faculty of Education

Thinking about Siblings

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10.00-12.30

The Donald McIntyre Building

184 Hills Road

It is now widely agreed that we have overlooked the importance of sibling relationships. My own work has two foci - siblings and the formation of the social group; siblings and gender. I examine these using a multidisciplinary perspective within an overall psychoanalytical and Gender Studies perspective. I propose a generic 'sibling trauma' around the age of two years – another (and neglected) dimension of what Winnicott observed as a 'separation trauma' when the toddler has to become more independent of the mother - the reason being the actual or expected arrival of a new baby even for only or last children.

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