Future of Psychoanalysis to be Probed by Online Think Tank

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Sydney, Australia (RPRN) 02/17/10 — Psychoanalysis, the therapeutic practice founded by Sigmund Freud and developed by Carl Jung and others, has encountered many ups and downs in its 110 year history. It was the dominant mode of psychotherapy in the 20's and 30's, but fell behind Behaviorism, Cognitive Psychology, and various Humanistic approaches in later years.

Though Psychoanalysis never went away, it has tended to remain in its own little corner of relevance in recent decades, favored by angst-ridden professionals, artists, and others able to handle the years-long course of treatment it usually entails, plus the hefty fees charged by certified Analysts.

In an age of convenient pills for every psychological condition and countless short-term therapies, can Psychoanalysis maintain its development, and reach new adherents? This is the question asked by a new online wiki sponsored by the Phoebus Group and the World Mind Network (thefutureofpsychoanalysis.org). They want to know if the century old method can touch Humanity anew through cultural manifestations, and not merely traditional therapist-client interactions.

Analysts and others from disparate fields have contributed to the forum, which intends both to bring knowledge of the many current forms of

Psychoanalysis to the public's attention, and to expand the scope and breadth of the field through inviting input from physicians, anthropologists, cultural historians, teachers, artists, and academics.

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