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Clinical utility of the Rorschach Performance Assessment System

The Swedish Rorschach Society hereby invites you to a two-day workshop, together with Drs.' Joni Mihura and Greg Meyer, who both are authors of the Rorschach Performance Assessment System (R-PAS). A focus of the workshop is how the recent Rorschach validity meta-analyses in Psychological Bulletin (Mihura, Meyer, Dumitrascu, & Bombel, 2013) effects treatment planning. A multi-method approach to assessment will be discussed, which includes how to integrate the various methods on the Rorschach (e.g., cognitive complexity, thematic, perceptual) with other methods of assessment. The clinical utility of using the Rorschach, with R-PAS in particular, will be explored with case examples. This includes a brief review of incremental validity literature with the Rorschach.

Rorschach Performance Assessment System (R-PAS)
The R-PAS was developed from the Comprehensive System (CS), with the ambition to put the Rorschach Inkblot method on firmer ground empirically and psychometrically, and to make it user-friendlier. In part, this has been done in response to a long-standing critique that the normative data for the CS tends to over-pathologize responses from normal subjects. Some of the variables in the CS with low validity have been excluded from the R-PAS, to increase interpretive precision.

Many of the scales included in the CS still remain within the R-PAS, although some of them are revised to make them more theoretically and empirically sound. The developers have strived to make a clearer connection between the variables and the underlying process they are measuring. The R-PAS has a somewhat revised coding and a modified administration, to enhance reliability and to make the method easier to use. The interpretation of the test data has also been simplified due to the use of standard scores. The normative data for the R-PAS are based on the international norm data collection from 17 countries and published in *Journal of Personality Assessment* 2007.

Dr. Joni Mihura is doing research and teaching at the University of Toledo, USA. Dr. Mihura has focused a lot of her research on personality assessment and the Rorschach method. Together with Dr. Greg Meyer and two of her
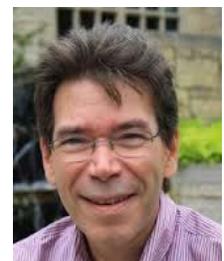
previous students, she published a meta-analysis regarding CS variables in *Psychological Bulletin* 2013. The meta-analysis has received a lot of attention and marks an important step in Rorschach-related research.

PhD. Greg Meyer is doing research and teaching at the University of Toledo, USA. Dr. Meyer has made major contributions to the field regarding methodological issues in personality assessment research. Together with Dr. Mihura and the other authors, he has been a main force driving the development of the Rorschach method forward.

<u>Venue</u>: Sabbatsbergs hospital, Josabethsalen, Olivecronas väg 5. <u>Fee</u>: 2500 SEK, Students 500 SEK.

The workshop will start at 09:00, there is a one-hour lunch break between 12:00 and 13:00, and coffee will be served at 10:30 and 14:30. The workshop ends at 17:00 both days.

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