

The Paternal Integrate and its role in the analysing situation

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In this paper I propose the notion of a 'paternal integrate' that constitutes the earliest form of the father in the psyche of the newborn. This concept interprets and extends Winnicott's very late proposal of the father as a whole object from the start of psychic life. Following Winnicott's 'there's no such thing as a baby', André Green suggested that 'there's no such thing as a mother and baby' and proposed the notion of the 'other of the object' in the mother's mind. This essay argues that the 'other' is de facto 'paternal'.

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Her most recent publication is: *The Clinical Paradigms of Melanie Klein and Donald Winnicott: comparisons and dialogues* that she co-authored with R.D.Hinshelwood. Presently she is preparing a selection of her publications over the past thirty years - *The Surviving Object: Psychoanalytic Essays on Psychic Survival*