

**NSW Service for the Treatment and
Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors**
CLINICAL MASTER CLASS EVENING



Monday 30 August 2010
FREE PRESENTATION: 6-8pm

**ANGER IN THE CONTEXT OF ASSESSMENT AND
MANAGEMENT OF REFUGEE TRAUMA**



Presenter Profile—DERRICK SILOVE

Derrick Silove is the Foundation UNSW Professor of Psychiatry at Liverpool Hospital. He played a central role in the early development of STARTTS and remains a member of the STARTTS Board. He has worked for over 25 years with survivors of trauma and persecution. His roles have extended to service development, clinical work, supervision and training, involvement in policy formulation, and research.

He and his team (the Centre for Population Mental Health Research) have played a key role in research inquiring into the epidemiology, risk factors and outcomes of mass trauma and persecution, with a particular focus on human rights issues. Research projects have included refugee and asylum seeker populations in Australia, and internationally, conflict-affected populations in countries such as Timor, Vietnam, Cambodia, the Solomon Islands and Indonesia (Aceh).

Presentation Summary

Anger and its various manifestations have received remarkably little attention by Psychiatry until recently. The inclusion of symptoms of irritability in the diagnostic criteria for PTSD may be one factor that has obscured the importance of anger as a “primary” response to human rights violations. The ADAPT model proposes that the undermining of systems of justice may be specifically related to prolonged, and in some circumstances, dysfunctional forms of anger amongst survivor groups.

The relationship of anger to human rights trauma and frustrations in the post-conflict environment is illustrated in the findings of the East Timor Mental Health Epidemiologic Needs Survey (ETMHENS). The study highlighted groups at specific risk to persisting explosive anger, including torture survivors.

The presentation will also make reference to indigenous constructs of resentment-anger identified amongst the Timorese and West Papuan refugees. An important question is whether tailored treatments are needed that focus specifically on anger in providing counselling to refugees and other post-conflict populations.

The aim of the presentation is to stimulate debate within members of STARTTS and related agencies about best practice interventions that focus specifically on issues of anger.

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Program

Registrations and refreshments	6.00 pm
Address Jorge Aroche Executive Director STARTTS	6.30 pm
Guest Speaker Derrick Silove Presentation	6.40 pm
STARTTS Counsellor To be announced Presentation	7.10 pm
Questions and Discussion	7.30 pm
Closing Remarks	8.00 pm

Venue Details:

Large Group Room, STARTTS Office
152-168 The Horsley Drive, Carramar

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