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## **Paper Presentation**

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**Bridging fragmented knowledge – Reflections on the action-based organization of the relationship between research and clinical practice in Psychoanalysis**

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### **Abstract:**

In the transfer of psychodynamic theory and research to psychotherapeutic practice, psychodynamics is challenged by the problems of action-based science, in which a specific gap emerges between the divergent logics of clinical practice and research-oriented epistemological interests. In the absence of a mediator between theory and practice, this gap leads to a lack of methodological exchange, systematisation, and transfer between clinical practice and science.

Building on an interdisciplinary consideration of other action-based professions, this contribution reflects on the complex relationship between theory and practice in both psychodynamic counselling and therapy contexts beyond the Freudian "Junktim". It focuses on the question of how the needs, experiences, questions, and demands of practitioners can be translated into scientific discourse and vice versa, i.e., how tacit knowledge and experience can be made available and visible to science. Special attention will be paid to the potential of the gap between research and practice, which tensions in this gap are really problematic, which obstacles arise in transfer processes and mutual communication, and how transfer processes in this sometimes conflict-ridden gap can be methodically design.

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