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Workshop in English

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**The Monographic Writing Group: a psychoanalytically oriented method
to analyse professional practices in education and training**

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Abstract:

This workshop offers an opportunity to experience a way of analysing professional practice through a psychoanalytically oriented approach. The method we will use is inspired by Institutional Pedagogy (Vasquez & Oury, 1967), which the workshop facilitator has been practising for several decades. The facilitator of the workshop has been conducting this type of working group for more than twenty years in universities with different participants in the field of education and training.

This workshop will run in four steps:

- First step: presentation of the concept
- Second step: individual writing. Each participant will be invited to write the narration of a situation encountered at work in a context of teaching or training. The text will be handwritten in English, which will be the language of the exchanges.
- Third step: time for exchanges based on free-associations (Freud, 1904). Each writer will be invited to read his/her text and the participants are invited to share what has come to their minds in association with the evoked situation and the way it is related.
- Fourth step: One or two written monographs will be chosen by the members of the group to be the focus of an in-depth analysis of these texts (with the agreement of the authors).

After these four steps, a time of "meta-reflection" on the method is planned: The workshop facilitator will take the opportunity to discuss his experience with this method used at universities as a way of learning about psychoanalysis.

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