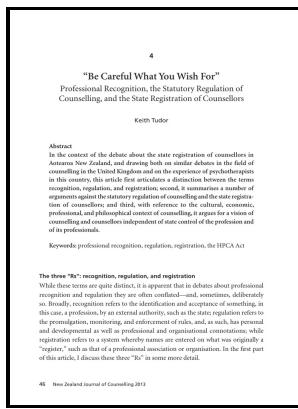


# Implausible professions - arguments for pluralism and autonomy in psychotherapy and counselling

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Joseph Conrad angrily denounced such an inquiry into the sinking of the Titanic which he saw as a reflection of the disproportionate attention paid to the deaths of the upper class passengers and the disproportionate blame heaped on the labourers who built the ship. To consider a person in this way is not to accredit or 'credentialise' her 'by separating her self-knowledge from her in some externality, but to recognise her as being knowledgeable and wise rather than having knowledge' *ibid*. Walker Eds , Reflection: Turning Learning into Experience, London: Kogan Page, 1985.

### AMP Blog: Alliance for Counselling and Psychotherapy Against State Regulation

Perhaps the greatest appeal of the dialogical approach is that despite its theoretical complexity, it is non-pathologising and a direct challenge to medical models that measure and quantify. Riggs draws upon experience as a methodological tool to examine some of the ways in which neo-liberal discourses of control work to homogenize the broad range of experiences that construct intelligible subject positions. Too often, it is argued, it would seem that there is little or no such congruence which in turn leads to wider questions about just why and how it has come about that so many practitioners seem to have uncritically or is it unwittingly? You need not be ashamed, just take that first step and reach out to someone.

### The Politics of Transference

Bernstein suggests that the terrifying unleashing of ressentiment on a mass scale leads to fascism. The proposed regulation bids fair to flatten this rich ecology into a monoculture, with devastating consequences for the profession and for its clients.

### Work Chronology

They could serve the purposes of social transformation much better if they were to call themselves affective educators, facilitators of personal growth, practitioners of emotional competence, and thus stake out a claim to be central to much needed educational reform. The case against

statutory registration of psychotherapists, especially the case built on the exclusive professionalization of transference competence, is as strong as ever it was.

### **Circle of Life Rediscovery**

In his theory of polyphonic consciousness, Bakhtin avoids any discussion of the content of ideas; a real, genuinely other person; conflict with that real genuine other person; acts of violence against real other people; death; the compulsive and rivalrous disposition of the human consciousness that manifests itself as envy, jealousy, hatred and scapegoating... Reed, 1999 p 122 as to do so would undermine his thesis of the benevolent nature of the polyphonic consciousness as opposed to the finalising monologic consciousness. Both are concerned with the relationship between self and other and have a thoroughly social conception of the self. Richard House Research Centre for Therapeutic Education, Roehampton University This article appears courtesy of THE JOURNAL OF CRITICAL PSYCHOLOGY, COUNSELLING AND PSYCHOTHERAPY 5,4 2005 For subscriptions contact: Download.

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Totton Eds , Implausible Professions: Arguments for Pluralism and Autonomy in Psychotherapy and Counselling, Ross-on-Wye: PCCS Books, 1997. Those who would wish statutorily to professionalise and make a culturally sanctioned 'institution' of psychotherapy and counselling should surely think long and hard before they pursue an avenue which would likely place a limiting fetter upon the healthy development of humankind's evolving understanding of illness and healing in all its manifold complexity and subtlety.

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