



An Introduction to Social Psychology
The Social Psychoanalytical Perspective

Dr Helen Lucey:

One of the starting points for the perspective is that unconscious processes are as important in defining and shaping reality as, as conscious processes are. And also how interior processes, emotions and states of mind also affect the social world. So there's that constant traffic between the individual internal processes and social external processes.

Ann Phoenix:

The social psychoanalytic perspective deals simultaneously with the social and the psychic. So it's interested in people as people, but always seeing them as inextricably part of their social context. It sees individuals as produced by the relational, and also produced by unconscious desires and so on, that come out of their very first relationships.