

# Self & Society

2015 Event Series

## Wounded Leaders:

with Nick Duffell

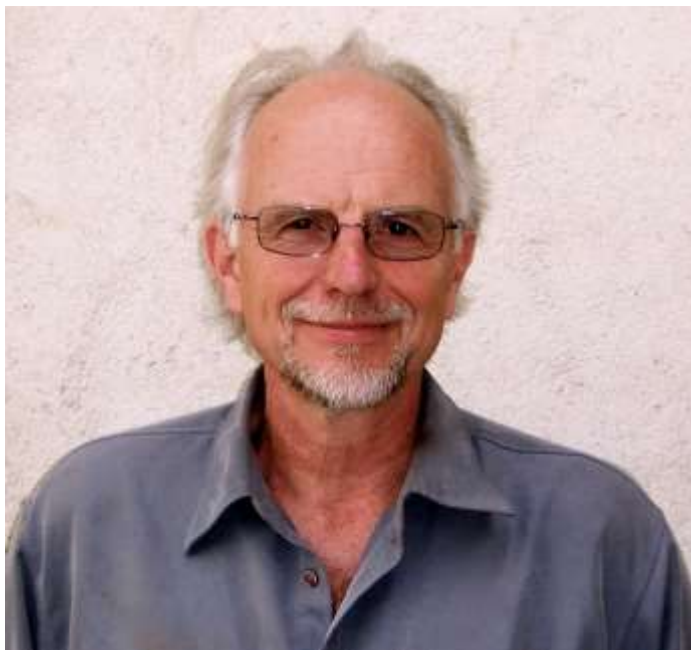
**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Sept 2015**  
**18:45 - 21:30**

**Location: 7-9 Breams Buildings,  
London EC4A 1DT**

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Britain grooms its political elite by means of privileged abandonment in childhood, but the boarding habit is so normalised that, like fish that don't notice water, we ignore how extraordinary it is to foreigners, how traumatic to children, how regressive for society. Institutionalised as the 'Independent System,' favourably polarised with state provision, it blinds us by a trap baited with 'parental choice.'

But normalisation is a powerful and often overlooked defence mechanism that operates on a systemic, rather than individual, level. Psychotherapy can get bogged down in the myth of individualism, running from the political to hide in the private, morbidly afraid of generalisations, systemic perspectives, national characteristics. This affects how we see our clients, and, in a class-ridden society like Britain, such attitudes court irresponsibility.

### **Nick Duffell**

Psychotherapist and psycho-historian Nick Duffell, author of *The Making of Them: The British Attitude to Children and the Boarding School System*, co-author of *Sex, Love and the Danger of Intimacy*, pioneered therapy with ex-boarders in 1990 and co-founded the Centre for Gender Psychology in 1996

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