



# FROM PSYCHOANALYSIS TO GROUP ANALYSIS

## The Pioneering Work of Trigant Burrow

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This selection of psychoanalytic and group analytic essays by Trigant Burrow (1875-1950), precursor of group analysis and co-founder of the American

Psychoanalytic Association show the development of the relational orientation in psychoanalysis, and the origin and evolution of group analysis, moving from drive to the relation and the group processes and the social person. In the editors' introductory essay, there are reported the events that led Burrow from psychoanalysis to group analysis, the censorship of the psychoanalytic orthodoxy, the silence of group analysis and the distortions of historiography. There is evidence of the richness and originality of the theoretic, clinic, methodological themes developed either in the psychoanalytic or the group analytic fields. Such themes are still questioned and object of study, among which stands out the principle of primary identification of the infant with the mother Burrow connected to the study of narcissism, homosexuality, and incest, and, in the group analytic period, to the social neurosis, besides the relativity of consciousness. The book represents a work of significant value on the historical, epistemological and social aspect, as it shows the relevancy and specificity of Burrow's research, from which one may draw new clinic-theoretic proposals to face the unsolved problems of our time, particularly the social neurosis.

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