

Dear All,

The Program for Primary Prevention of Sexual Violence in India (PPPSV) is pleased to invite you to a lecture on 'Working with pedophilically inclined individuals — assessment and intervention' by Dr. Klaus Michael Beier on 10th February 2018. We are pleased to inform that Bombay Psychiatric Society is supporting us in this particular venture.

About the lecture:

Pedophilia — a sexual preference for the body scheme of prepubescent children — is defined as a disorder within the International Classification of Diseases (ICD) as well as within the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM). Contrary to popular belief, not all sex offenders who target children are pedophiles, and not all pedophiles commit sexual offences. But quite obviously pedophilia is an emotionally charged and controversial topic, which might be an explanation for putting it out of focus within the Health Care System. Mental health and criminal justice professionals worldwide are mostly not well trained in terms of assessment methods and intervention techniques available to develop and implement effective policies and practices. This is an obstacle for prevention, i.e. proactive strategies to protect children from child sexual abuse and sexual exploitation by online offences, such as the consumption or distribution of child abusive images (so-called child pornography), which emphasises the internationally relevant dimension of the issue. The presentation will address key concerns and questions in dealing with this clinical population and offer insights into a primary prevention approach developed in Germany.

About the speaker:

Prof. Beier is head of the Institute of Sexology and Sexual Medicine at the Charité (University Clinic of Berlin) and specialises in sexual medicine. He is dedicated to research and training in sexology. His main focus in research is forensic sexology, particularly follow-up studies of previously expertevaluated sex offenders.

His current research focuses on the prevention of child sexual abuse. The goal is to encourage self-identified undetected pedophiles and hebephiles to seek professional help in order to avoid committing child sexual abuse or so-called child pornography offences. For this purpose,in 2005, he initiated the "Prevention Project Dunkelfeld" (at the beginning exclusively funded by the VolkswagenStiftung) which is now extended to 10 additional locations all over Germany (www.dont-offend.org). More recently, the project has been expanded juveniles aged between 12 and 18 who display sexually deviant behavior towards and/or fantasies about the body image of children (www.just-dreaming-of-them.org).

Professor Beier is in charge of the Outpatient Clinic of the Institute which offers assessment and treatment for the full range of sexual disorders and gender dysphoria. He is a member of the International Academy of Sex Research, president of the German Society for Sexual Medicine, Sex Therapy and Sexology, founder of the German scientific journal "Sexuologie" and reviewer of several international journals. His last English book publication was "Sexual Medicine in Clinical Practice" (together with K. Loewit, Springer: New York 2013).

Details of the lecture:

Date:10th February, 2018 Time:6pm-

8pm (Followed by dinner)

Venue: Hotel Bawa International, Plot No. 2087, Nehru Road Extn., Near Domestic Airport, Vile Parle

(East), Mumbai-400099

Registrations: RSVP on Registration form