

Assessing dissociation and dissociative disorders with the Trauma and Dissociation Symptoms Interview (TADS-I)

Place:	Online
Time:	20.-21.3.2025 9:30 AM–4:30 PM (UTC+2, Finnish time)
Trainer:	Suzette Boon, PhD
interpretation:	Yes
Price:	€550 + 25,5 % VAT
Registration:	by 6.3.2025

Participants will receive a Zoom link via email shortly before the training, allowing them to join the session.

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- *Do you work with survivors chronic trauma ?*
- *Are you sometimes confused whether they have a dissociative disorder or Complex PTSD?*
- *And what do we actually mean when we talk about dissociation ?*
- *What are the core dissociative symptoms ?*
- *What are dissociative parts and how are they different from borderline modes or egostates ?*
- *What are dissociative voices and how do they differ from psychotic voices. ?*
- *My patient has rapid mood switches : is that dissociative or bipolar or both ?*
- *My patient is convinced that she has DID, she has read everything and insists that I talk with all her different parts. How can I be sure that she has a dissociative disorder ? She get's angry as soon as I ask her a question to get some understanding.*

These and many other questions will be discussed in this 2 day online workshop with Suzette Boon

On the first day of this workshop Suzette will give a general overview of the dissociative disorders and other trauma-related disorders such as complex PTSD and somatoform dissociation. She will present the clinical phenomenology of the DSM-5 and ICD-11 dissociative disorders. She will introduce the Trauma and Dissociation Symptoms Interview (TADS-I) and discuss how to use the interview.

Video vignettes will be presented.

The second part of this workshop will focus differential diagnosis (for instance personality disorders, psychotic disorders, mood disorders, and false positive DID)

Learning Objectives:

- 1. Participants will be able to recognize and differentiate the DSM-5 and ICD-11 dissociative disorders and will increase their awareness of other complex trauma-related disorders.**
- 2. Participants will be aware of problems concerning differential diagnosis and learn to distinguish dissociative disorders from personality disorders, mood and affect disorders and disorders in the schizophrenia spectrum.**
- 3. Participants will become aware of the problems of false -positive DID diagnoses and learn how to distinguish these from genuine DID**

Publications (selection relevant to current workshop)

Boon, S. 2023. *Assessing Trauma-Related Dissociation With the Trauma and Dissociation Symptoms Interview*

New York: W.W. Norton & Company

This book has been published in Finnish

Boon, S & Draijer, N. (1991). *Diagnosing Dissociative Disorders in the Netherlands. A pilot study with the Structured Clinical Interview for DSM-III-R dissociative Disorders. American Journal of Psychiatry, 148, 458- 462.*

Boon, S. & Draijer, N. (1993a). *Multiple Personality Disorder in The Netherlands. A clinical investigation of 71 patients", American Journal of Psychiatry, 150 (1993a) 3: 489-494;*

Boon, S. & Draijer, N. (1993b). *Multiple Personality Disorder in the Netherlands. (Amsterdam: Swets & Zeitlinger, 1993b);*

Boon, S. & Draijer, N. *The Differentiation of Patients with MPD or DDNOS from patients with a cluster B Personality Disorder", DISSOCIATION, 6, 2/3, 126-135.*

Boon, S & Draijer, N. (1995) . *Screening en diagnostiek van dissociatieve stoornissen. Lisse/Amsterdam Swets & Zeitlinger*

Draijer, N & Boon, S. (1999). *The Imitation of Dissociative Identity Disorder. Patients at risk; therapists at risk. The Journal of Psychiatry and Law, 27, fall-winter.*

TADS-I Book Available at a Special Discount with Training!

Participants of the training can purchase the book "**Assessment of Trauma-Related Dissociation – Introduction to Trauma and Dissociation Symptom Interview (TADS-I)**" at a discounted price of **€79 + shipping** (regular price €99 + shipping). To order, mention your interest in the additional information section of the registration form.

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Suzette A. Boon PhD, 1949, is a clinical psychologist and psychotherapist specialized in the treatment of chronic traumatization and dissociative disorders. She translated and validated the Dutch version of the Structured Clinical Interview for DSM-IV Dissociative Disorders (SCID-D) and received a PhD for her thesis "Multiple Personality Disorder in the Netherlands" in 1993. She has published several books, book chapters and many articles both on diagnosis as well as treatment of dissociative disorders. She has developed a skills training manual for patients with a complex dissociative disorder: *Coping with Trauma-Related Dissociation* (Boon, Steele, & Van der Hart, 2011). She is co-author of the book "*Treating Trauma-Related Dissociation, A Practical, Integrative Approach*" (Steele, Boon & Van derHart, 2017) that won the Pierre Janet writing award of ISSTD in 2017. She has developed a new semi structured interview for complex dissociative disorders and trauma related symptoms: the "*Trauma and Dissociation Symptoms Interview (TADS-I)*". A new book, *Assessing Trauma-Related Dissociation, with the TADS-I*, including this diagnostic interview, has just been published (Boon, 2023). She is currently working in private practice. She is a trainer and supervisor and teaches in many different countries.



Suzette is co-founder of the European Society for Trauma and Dissociation (ESTD) and was the first president of this Society. The International Society for the Study of Trauma and Dissociation (ISSTD) granted her the David Caul Memorial Award in 1993, the Morton Prince Award in 1994 and the President's Award of distinction and the status of fellow in 1995 for her contributions to diagnosis, treatment, research and education in the field of dissociative disorders. In 2009 She received the LifeTime Achievement Award and in 2011 the Pierre Janet Writing Award for the book *Coping with trauma-related Dissociation a skills training for patients and their therapists*. In 2017 she received the Pierre Janet Writing Award as second author of the book *Treating Trauma-related Dissociation. A practical integrative approach*.

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