

**PH.D. PROGRAM IN PSYCHOLOGY**  
**THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK**  
**CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY AT CCNY**

**Contemporary Psychoanalytic Theory**  
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Course Description

This course covers a broad range of contemporary psychoanalytic theories, including Freudian, relational, object relational, field theory, and mentalization theory. We will focus on various ways of formulating the relation between the intrapsychic and the intersubjective; we will examine intersubjective theories that reject drives and others that seek to defend drives. We will pay close attention to how the various theorists understand the dynamics of self-other relationships, in particular bearing on issues of sex, gender, race and culture, and how they wish to construe therapeutic action.

Course Objectives

By the end of the course, students will be able to:

- 1) demonstrate knowledge of a diverse range of contemporary psychoanalytic theories and practices
- 2) demonstrate how psychoanalysis has evolved to incorporate issues around diversity
- 3) demonstrate which theories they prefer (and why) and how they would like/have included in their own clinical work

Course Organization and Format

Our aim will be to read the assigned texts closely. Make sure to do the reading and come prepared to discuss it in class.

Course Assignments

There will be two assignments for the course:

- 1) each student will present one of the assigned reading (and possibly an additional reading), attempting to inspire our class discussion
- 2) each student will write a 15 page paper on a topic of his/her choice

## Course Grading

Grading will be based upon:

- 1) In-Class Participation: 10%\*
- 2) Oral Presentation: 40%
- 3) Written Paper: 50%

\*Participation is evaluated on quality (not quantity). It does not mean talking a lot; quality of participation involves your thoughts and questions, but also facilitation of the group discussion, valuing and integrating others' ideas and comments.

Grading will reflect the following scale: Outstanding Work (A+), Quality Work (A/A-), Competent Work (B+/B/B-), Not Yet Competent (C+/C/C-/D/F).

## WEEKLY TOPICS AND ASSIGNMENTS

2/4

### **INTRODUCTION: SELF AND OTHER**

**William James—“On a Certain Blindness in Human Beings” (1899)**

**Robert Trivers—“Nine Categories of Self-Deception” from *The Folly of Fools* (2011)**

2/11

### **FREUDIAN PSYCHOANALYSIS**

**Sigmund Freud—“Analysis Terminable and Interminable” (1937)**

2/18

### **COMMENTARIES ON FREUD’S “ANALYSIS TERMINABLE AND INTERMINABLE”**

**Arnold Cooper—“On Metapsychology and Termination” (1991)**

**André Green—“Instinct in the Late Works of Freud” (1991)**

2/25

### **RELATIONAL PSYCHOANALYSIS: INTERSUBJECTIVITY WITHOUT DRIVES**

**Jay Greenberg and Stephen Mitchell-- “Diagnosis and Technique: A Deeper Divergence” from *Object Relations in Psychoanalytic Theory* (1983)**

**Lewis Aron—“The Patient’s Experience of the Analyst’s Subjectivity” (1991)**

3/3

### **RELATIONAL PSYCHOANALYSIS: THE THIRD**

**Jessica Benjamin—“Beyond Doer and Done to: An Intersubjective View of Thirdness” (2004)**

**Jessica Benjamin—“Sympathy for the Devil: Notes on Sexuality and Aggression, With Special Reference to Pornography” from *Like Subjects, Love Objects* (1995)**

**3/10**

**INTERSUBJECTIVITY WITH DRIVES**

**André Green—“The Intrapsychic and Intersubjective in Psychoanalysis” (2000)**

**André Green—“Thirdness and Psychoanalytic Concepts” (2004)**

**3/17**

**BIONIAN OBJECT RELATIONS**

**Wilfred Bion—“Attacks on Linking” (1959)**

**Wilfred Bion—“The Psycho-analytic Study of Thinking” (1962)**

**3/23**

**POST-BIONIANS**

**Antonino Ferro and Giovanni Foresti—“Bion on Thinking” (2013)**

**Giuseppe Civitarese and Antonino Ferro—“The Meaning and Use of Metaphor in Analytic Field Theory” (2013)**

**Antonino Ferro and Giovanni Foresti—“‘Objects’ and ‘Characters’ in Psychoanalytic Texts/Dialogues” (2008)**

**3/30**

**FIELD THEORY**

**Madeleine Baranger—The Intrapsychic and the Intersubjective in Contemporary Psychoanalysis” (2012)**

**Madeleine and Willy Baranger—“The Analytic Situation as a Dynamic Field” (1961/2008)**

**Juan Tubert-Oklander—“The Whole and the Parts: Working in the Analytic Field” 92007)**

**4/7—NO CLASS: DIVISION 39**

**4/14**

**FIELD THEORY**

**Lawrence Brown—“Klein, Bion and Intersubjectivity: Becoming, Transforming, and Dreaming” (2010)**

**Donnel Stern—“Field Theory in Psychoanalysis, Part 1: Harry Stack Sullivan and Madeleine and Willy Baranger” (2013)**

**Donnel Stern—Field Theory in Psychoanalysis, Part 2: Bionian Field Theory and Contemporary Interpersonal/Relational Psychoanalysis” (2013)**

**4/21**

**SEX, GENDER AND RACE**

**Avgi Saketopoulou—“To Suffer Pleasure: The Shattering of the Ego as The Psychic Labor of Perverse Sexuality” (2014)**

**Avgi Saketopoulou—“Minding the Gap: Intersections Between Gender, Race, and Class in Work with Gender Variant Children” (2011)**

**Ruth Stein—“The Otherness of Sexuality: Excess” (2008)**

**Ken Corbett—“Gender Now” (2008)**

**4/28**

**NO CLASS: SPRING BREAK**

**5/5**

**SEX, GENDER AND RACE**

**Lionel McPherson—“Deflating Race” (2015)**

**Kimberlyn Leary—“Passing, Posing, and ‘Keeping it Real’” (1999)**

**Neal Altman—“Whiteness” (2006)**

**Melanie Suchet—“Unraveling Whiteness” (2007)**

**5/12**

**HATING OTHERS**

**Don Moss—“On Hating in the First Person Plural: Thinking Psychoanalytically about Racism, Homophobia and Misogyny” (2001)**

**Don Moss—“Does it Matter What the Terrorists Meant” (2002)**

**5/19**

**MENTALIZING SELF AND OTHERS**

**Peter Fonagy and Elizabeth Allison—“Psychic Reality and the Nature of Consciousness” (2015)**

**Anthony Bateman and Peter Fonagy—“Borderline Personality Disorder and Mood Disorders: Mentalizing as a Framework for Integrated Treatment” (2015)**

**Patrick Luyten and Peter Fonagy—“The Neurobiology of Mentalizing” (2015)**