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**THE SAN FRANCISCO CENTER FOR PSYCHOANALYSIS**  
**Psychoanalytic Perspectives on Trauma**  
**Fridays: February 17, 2017 to March 31, 2017**

In this seminar, we will study the concept of trauma from historic and contemporary psychoanalytic perspectives, with a focus on the clinical implications of working with traumatized patients. I hope to do a close reading of usually one paper a week rather than cover a lot of papers. You may have read some of these articles before, but you may glean different insights by reading these rich papers further along in your training, and I hope the group will generate a new experience by reading them together. I will bring clinical and literary examples of trauma and I encourage you to do the same. I look forward to a rewarding exploration with you.

**Week 1, February 17 : Overview**

Bohleber, W. (2010) "The development of trauma theory in psychoanalysis". In Werner Bohleber, Destructiveness, Intersubjectivity, and Trauma. London: Karnac, p. 75-100 (xerox copy)

**Week 2, February 24 : Ferenczi's Seminal Paper on Trauma**

Ferenczi, S. (1949). "Confusion of the Tongues Between the Adults and the Child: The language of Tenderness and Passion. The International Journal of Psychoanalysis, 30: 225-230. (PEP-WEB)

Gurevich, H. (2015). The Language of Absence and the Language of Tenderness: Therapeutic Transformation of Early Psychic Trauma and Dissociation as Resolution of the "Identification with the Aggressor". Fort Da, 21:45-65. (SFCP Library Online Resources)

**Week 3, March 3 : Winnicott's Contribution to Understanding Trauma**

Winnicott, D.W. (1974) Fear of Breakdown. The International Review of Psychoanalysis, 1: 103-107. (PEP-WEB)

Ogden, T. (2014). Fear of breakdown and the un-lived life. The International Journal of Psychoanalysis, 85: 561-578. (SFCP Library Online Resources)

## **Psychoanalytic Perspectives on Trauma (cont.)**

### **Week 4, March 10 : Dissociation**

Bromberg, P. (2003) Something wicked this way comes: Trauma, dissociation, cognitive science, and neuroscience overlap. Psychoanalytic Psychology, 20, 558-574 (PEP-WEB)

### **Week 5, March 17: Trauma and Dissociation**

Goldberg, P. (1995). “Successful” Dissociation, Pseudovitality, and Inauthentic Use of the Senses. Psychoanal. Dial., 5:493-510. [...]

Bromberg, P.M. (1995). Psychoanalysis, Dissociation, and Personality Organization Reflections on Peter Goldberg's Essay. Psychoanalytic Dialogues, 5:511-528.

Goldberg, P. (1995). Reply to Bromberg. Psychoanal. Dial., 5:529-536.

### **Week 6, March 24: Trauma and Pathological Organization**

Williams, P. (2010) The Fifth Principle, Karnac Books. The first chapter, “Memories”, p. 11-28 and the last chapter, “The Fifth Principle”, p. 113-126.

### **Week 7, March 31 : Trauma and Pathological Organization, Part 2**

Williams, P. (2004) Incorporation of an invasive object. International Journal of Psychoanalysis, 85: 1333-1348. (PEP-WEB)