Psychoanalytic Perspectives on Trauma

SAN FRANCISCO CENTER FOR PSYCHOANALYSIS Fridays: February 15 to March 29, 2019

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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 will send you an introduction to the seminar by email at the beginning of February.

Week 1, February 15: Overview

Bohleber, W. (2007) Remembrance, trauma, and collective memory: The battle for memory in psychoanalysis. The International Journal of Psychoanalysis (IJP), 88(2): 329-352. (PEP)

Optional:

Levine, H. (2014) Psychoanalysis and Trauma, Psychoanalytic Inquiry, 34:3, 214-224 link: https://doi.org/10.1080/07351690.2014.889475

Week 2, February 22: Freud and Trauma

Freud (1896) Further Remarks on the Neuro-Psychoses of Defence, SE Vol. III, 157-185.(PEP)

Week 3, March 1: Ferenczi and Trauma

Ferenczi, S. (1949). Confusion of the tongues between the adults and the child: the language of tenderness and passion. IJP, 30: 225-230. (PEP)

Gurevich, H. (2008). The language of absence. IJP 89(3):561-578. (PEP)

Week 4, March 8: Winnicott and Trauma

Winnicott, D.W. (1974) Fear of breakdown. IJP, 1: 103-107. (PEP)

Ogden, T. (2014). Fear of breakdown and the unlived life. IJP, 85: 561-578. (EZ-Proxy)

Optional:

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Winnicott, D.W. (1967) The location of cultural experience. IJP, 48: 368-372

Week 5, March 15: Trauma and Dissociation

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

Optional:

Bucci, W. (2003) Varieties of Dissociative experiences: A multiple code account and a discussion of Bromberg's case of "William". Psychoanalytic Psychology, 20 (3),542-557.

Week 6, March 22: Trauma and Dissociation continued

Goldberg, P. (1995). "Successful" dissociation, pseudovitality, and inauthentic use of the senses. Psychoanal. Dial., 5:493-510. (PEP)

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 7, March 29: Trauma and Pathological Organization

Williams, P. (2004) Incorporation of an invasive object. IJP, 85: 1333-1348. (PEP)

Williams, P. (2010) The Fifth Principle. Karnac Books. "Memories", 11-28, and "The Fifth Principle", 113-126.