

Presentation via Zoom

Psychoanalysis and Psychotic States

The presentation will begin with the question "What is Psychosis?" and examine ways it is defined from medical and psychiatric perspectives. Then various psychoanalytic perspectives on psychosis and paranoia will be considered, including Freudian, contemporary Kleinian, and interpersonal-relational. The contributions of several key theorists will be reviewed, including Winnicott (British Object Relations & Independent Group), Searles (interpersonal), Benedetti (existential), Rosenfeld and Lucas (contemporary Kleinian), Spotnitz (modern), Davoine and Gaudillière (contemporary Lacanian), and Bromberg (relational). Areas of focus will be dissociative processes and the therapist's countertransference, including dissociative processes in the analyst. The neuroscience and embodied self-states of the analyst in countertransference enactments will also be briefly discussed.

2 CE Credits for Psychoanalysts, Psychologists, and Social Workers

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CONTINUING EDUCATION INFORMATION

LEARNING OBJECTIVES: Participants will be able to (1) describe the main differences between psychiatric and psychoanalytic approaches to the understanding and treatment of psychotic disorders, and (2) describe the main contributions of the various schools of psychoanalysis to the understanding of psychotic disorders.

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