

Hybrid Presentation (In-Person and Zoom)
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The (Missed) Encounter Between Psychoanalysis and the Black Radical Tradition:

Foundations of Decolonial Psychoanalysis

Lacan claimed that Marx "invented" the notion of the symptom, and Gaztambide posits that the Black Marxist W.E.B. Du Bois may have "invented" the notion of the unconscious. This presentation outlines the parallels between Freud and Du Bois's lives and how they came to surprisingly similar conclusions about the nature of subjectivity, the intersection between psyche and society, and the intimate fusion of race and class. Tracing Du Bois's often unrecognized "psychoanalytic" insights and Freud's often-missed commentary on racism leads to a consideration of the decolonial psychoanalytic theory and technique of the revolutionary psychiatrist Frantz Fanon.

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES: Participants will be able to (1) identify how racism (and other isms) function as a psychological compensation both politically and in clinical work, (2) describe how the psychoanalytic and Black radical traditions converge in Frantz Fanon's work, and (3) describe approaches to facilitating conversations about identity and culture with patients.

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