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Internal Racism:

The Vicissitudes of Out-Group Hostility

In this presentation, M. Fakhry Davids will describe the model of internal racism, which is a clinically based account of the othering mechanisms employed in relation to the out-group. These mechanisms are structurally different from the processes that set us apart from others in general (the self-other distinction) and those involved in the Oedipal configuration (the gender distinction). Davids argues that our relationship with the out-group is embedded in a paranoid, us-them defensive structure that produces fantasies about the out-group, based on projections onto them. He suggests that this same structure is mobilized in the difficulty that psychoanalysis, as a profession, faces in engaging racial/cultural difference in the consulting room.

2 CE Credits for Licensed Psychoanalysts and Social Workers

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He has previously held clinical positions at the Nafsiyat Intercultural Therapy Centre in London, the London Clinic of Psychoanalysis, and the Tavistock Clinic, where he is now a Visiting Lecturer. He is a founding Board Member of Partners in Confronting Collective Atrocities, PCCA (www.p-cca.org), which utilizes the Group Relations method to work with the psychic impact of atrocities such as the Holocaust and the Palestinian Nakba. He has published a book, *Internal Racism: A Psychoanalytic Approach to Race and Difference*, and papers on a number of topics.

CONTINUING EDUCATION INFORMATION

LEARNING OBJECTIVES: Participants will be able to (1) describe the distinctive features of the model of internal racism as a defensive structure of the mind, including the role of projective identification and unconscious guilt, and (2) describe how the dynamics emanating from this structure breathe new life into the relationship between self and out-group member, shaping it in characteristic ways that are hard to shift.

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