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Center for Modern Psychoanalytic Studies

*Presentation on Zoom*

## Transference and the Moment of Catastrophe

During this pandemic there have been catastrophic moments for many of us. A specific form of transference has been observed in the moment of catastrophe when time stops and speech becomes impossible. Davoine will present examples of this phenomenon, taken from the testimony of anesthesiologists and nurses working on the front lines, and will compare them with the “forward psychotherapy” devised for the treatment of victims of shell shock in World War I, which was the prototype of modern practice with traumatized patients.

2 CE Credits for Licensed Psychoanalysts and Social Workers

**SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2021 • 9:30 - 11:30 AM**

PRACTITIONERS AND GENERAL PUBLIC: \$40 | STUDENTS: FREE

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### CONTINUING EDUCATION INFORMATION

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES:** Participants will be able to (1) distinguish an ordinary transference in which the past is present from a transference in a catastrophic moment, in which time has stopped, and (2) identify what analytic work can look like within a transference in which time has stopped and speech has become impossible.

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