



# CMPS

## Center for Modern Psychoanalytic Studies

### Annual Conference

## **Destruction and Fantasy: The Other Without, The Other Within**

The debate within psychoanalysis about the role of the sociopolitical in the treatment room exemplifies what defines the practice in the first place: the study of blind spots. The hidden “self” gradually manifests, becoming less alien to the other and less other to the alien. Narcissistic wishes both confront and meet the needs of society, but how does the individual reconcile narcissistic wishes with society’s claims? This conference proposes situating the unconscious in the sociocultural and the sociocultural in the unconscious — through an investigation of fantasies of otherness (as characterized by the factors that interfere with narcissistic gratification) and othering (as defined by the pathologizing of the narcissistic aims).

5 CE Credits for Psychoanalysts, Psychologists, and Social Workers

**SATURDAY: November 4, 2023 • 9:30 - 4:00 PM In-Person**

**John Jay College / Gerald W. Lynch Theater  
524 West 59<sup>th</sup> Street, New York City**

ADMISSION: \$150 | STUDENTS WITH ID: \$40



**Masha Gessen** is one of our most trenchant observers of democracy. Gessen is the author of eleven books, including the National Book Award-winning *The Future Is History: How Totalitarianism Reclaimed Russia* and *The Man Without a Face: The Unlikely Rise of Vladimir Putin*. A staff writer at *The New Yorker*, Gessen has covered political subjects including Russia, LGBT rights, Vladimir Putin, Donald Trump, and the rise of autocracy. Gessen's latest book, *Surviving Autocracy*, is a bracing overview of the calamitous trajectory of American democracy under the Trump administration.



**Eyal Rozmarin** is coeditor of the book series *Relational Perspectives in Psychoanalysis* and associate editor of the journals *Psychoanalytic Dialogues* and *Studies in Gender and Sexuality*. He has published numerous articles in psychoanalytic journals, as well as book chapters, and has presented his work around the world. His research takes place in the intersection of psychoanalysis, social theory, and philosophy, exploring the relations between subjectivity and the collective. He is in private practice in New York.

#### CONTINUING EDUCATION INFORMATION

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES:** Participants will be able to (1) describe the importance (and conflictual nature) of collective attachments in the psychological life of the individual, (2) describe the dual, constructive-destructive nature of the relations between individuals and collectives, (3) describe the fundamental importance of awareness of the psychosocial register to analytic theory and clinical work, (4) describe the relationship between autocratic impulses and destructive narcissism, and (5) describe how intrapsychic dynamics and fear of the other contribute to enactments of paranoia, discrimination, and violence.

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