



Ottawa Psychoanalytic Society Société psychanalytique d'Ottawa

Scientific Meeting Saturday, February 24 2018

10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Ottawa Psychoanalytic Society, 223 Main Street (St Paul University), LaFramboise building room **L133 Salon Gervais**, Ottawa.

« Unconscious Phantasies and Listening to the Narrative in a Case of Trauma: The Story of Jonathan. »

The therapeutic task of exploring unconscious phantasies (UP) and pre-symbolic material requires a special kind of listening grown from the inter-subjectivity between the patient and the therapist. Drawing from the detailed account of sessions in a case of trauma, we illustrate the clinical importance of UP and emphasize their primary roots. We trace the origin of their concept since Freud with a particular emphasis on the contribution of Isaacs, Klein, Ferenczi and Bion and describe the earliest role of UP in symbolization. Aside body experience and functions, UP express an important temporal dimension. Examples are given from adult analytic cases.

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Learning Objectives

- Illustrating through verbatim notes a psychoanalytically informed therapy in a case of trauma
- Better understanding the nature and function of Unconscious Phantasies in symptom production
- Better understanding the place of Unconscious Phantasies in the construction of the symbolic system and hence our therapeutic work.

“This event is a self-approved group learning activity (Section 1) as defined by the Maintenance of Certification program of The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.”

Confidential material will be presented and discussed.

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