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Scientific Program meeting, Presenter: Dr. Dominique Scarfone
January 21, 2023 – Saturday – 10:30am to 12:30pm, via Zoom

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Title: Dreaming alone in the presence of the other

Abstract:

Freud's study of dream processes rests on the idea that the dreaming psyche works as a relatively closed system whose model also applies to psychic functioning in general. Consequently, Freud is often charged with a so-called "solipsistic" (or "one-body") approach of psychoanalysis by contrast with other major authors, such as Winnicott for instance, credited with the advent of a "two-body" psychoanalysis. Starting from the question of solitude and moving on to that of dreaming, the author wishes to challenge these views, convoking Winnicott himself in support of the Freudian model. This is also an opportunity for reflecting on current issues related to narcissism. Blaise Pascal, Shakespeare's Hamlet and Martin Luther King are also of the voyage.

Bio:

Dominique Scarfone, M.D. is honorary professor at the Université de Montréal, member emeritus of the Société Psychanalytique de Montréal and honorary member of the Italian Psychoanalytic Society. He taught psychoanalytic theory for more than 30 years in the university. He recently retired from his practice as supervising analyst in the Institut psychanalytique de Montréal (French branch of the Canadian Psychoanalytic Institute). A former associate editor of the International Journal of Psychoanalysis, he published extensively, contributing numerous book chapters and more than 70 original papers in peer reviewed journals internationally.

Recent books: *The Unpast-The Actual Unconscious*, (New York, The Unconscious in Translation); *Laplanche- An Introduction*, (The Unconscious in Translation). A forthcoming book, *The Reality of the Message* (The Unconscious in Translation) should be out in a few months.

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Learning objectives:

After attending this presentation participants can expect:

- 1- To be better able to discuss the issue of “Freudian solipsism” on the basis of a closer look at what Freud and Winnicott really said.
- 2- To be able to describe the brain’s and mind’s “solipsistic gulf” while asserting the primacy of the other in psychoanalysis.
- 3- To be better able to critically approach some narcissistic issues, and their paradoxes, of our present time.