

Webinar : Specificities of French psychoanalysis

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Sunday march 20, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. (London time)

"The frame on both sides of the Channel"

Transformational experience without memory and without desire

Part 2

with

Howard Levine and Béatrice Ithier

During the previous webinar we invited Howard Levine and Béatrice Ithier presented their conception of the Bionian frame and the remarkable contribution of W R Bion who describes the analyst's psychic work

Howard Levine has centered his expanded conception of the frame particularly on the function of the analyst's transformational intervention/interpretation, its components and its foundations. He focused on the function of the receptive analyst, in emotional contact with the patient and in his "feeling of contact" with part of the patient's emotional life, but also on the part of the patient's emotions unconsciously induced in the analyst by the patient's beta screen. For Howard Levine specially with non-neurotic patients, the frame - and the analytic process - must for long periods of time exist silently in the analyst's mind. There, in this space of truth-emergence and psychic growth, it is held back until it can become manifest and be shared between analyst and patient.

And

Béatrice Ithier, too, proposed an expanded conception of the frame centering on Bion's reversal of the model of classical psychoanalysis. Béatrice Ithier showed us how Bion, through his recommendations for a clinical attitude – "without memory, without desire, without understanding" – and the different caesures that accompany this anti-memory model, founded a conception of memory made up of preverbal emotions and fantasies relived in the transference situation, verbalized, thanks to the analyst, an implicit memory without consciousness, involving actions and "enactments".

During their exchanges, certain lines of discussion were sketched out, in particular the conception of the Bionian frame based on the lines of its divergences and convergences with both the frame and the model of interpretation mainly in Freud' theory.

The two contributors choose the analytic situation as a point of reference and underlined that what could be understood as a divergence often concerns parameters to be taken into account with regard

to non-neurotic functioning. Moreover, concerning the differences between Freud and Bion, the distance which would separate them diminishes if one remembers that in his papers after 1920 Freud moves away from representational content and concentrates on drive force. Following him, Bion was himself aware of the limits of the method of interpreting the repressed. Thus, Howard Levine and Béatrice Ithier have built bridges between the two theories.

The second axis of exchanges unfolded around the theory of the analyst's thought, emotional contact and aspects of patient-analyst communication, beyond the language inherent limitations. The patient will communicate significantly affective contents and non-representable traces that mobilize contents in the analyst, conniving traumatic traces, in order to create an emotional interaction. The analyst absorbs and represents (or not) this communication and thus the structured counter-transference is organized (or is hindered).

Given the richness of the discussion and the multitude of questions that have not been addressed, Howard Levine and Béatrice Ithier will resume and extend their exchanges, particularly with the participants.

Simultaneous translation in English and French. It will be possible to download the texts initially presented by the panelists, and for those who did not attend the first part it will be possible to have them beforehand, if they indicate the wish during their registration.

Sunday March 20, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

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