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Psychoanalysis of Prematurity

Synopsis

In this paper, Dr. Willock draws on concepts from diverse psychoanalytic perspectives, emphasizing contributions of the British Object Relations school, especially as Ogden (1989) utilized them to formulate his neo-Kleinian concept, the autistic-contiguous position. Dr. Willock underscores the significance of prenatal life for the autistic-contiguous position and highlights challenges to the sensory foundations of the self/world experience presented by problematic premature birth. Discussing the treatment of a challenging eight-year-old boy born six weeks prematurely, the paper explores the impact of perinatal distress on personality formation, and the process of change in psychoanalytic treatment.

Speaker Bio

Dr. Brent Willock is President, TICP; Advisory Board member, International Association for Relational Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy; Board Member, Canadian Institute for Child and Adolescent Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy; Faculty, Institute for the Advancement of Self Psychology. He is author of Comparative-Integrative Psychoanalysis (The Analytic Press, 2007) and first editor of: On Deaths and Endings: Psychoanalytic Reflections on Finality, Transformation and New Beginnings (2007); Taboo or not Taboo? Forbidden Thoughts, Forbidden Acts in Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis (2009); Loneliness and Longing: Conscious and Unconscious Aspects (2012); and Understanding and Coping with Failure (2014).

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