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Working with the Third in Mind: Finding the Third Between Us

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10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Innis Town Hall Theatre, 2 Sussex Ave., Toronto, M5S 1J5

About The Day

“More Than One Can Live”: Reconceiving Harm and Reparation in the Intersubjective World

This presentation will juxtapose the intrapsychic idea of reparation, first developed by Klein and based on understanding unconscious anxieties of harming the love object, with the intersubjective ideas of repairing rupture and restoring recognition. From an intersubjective perspective, the “Moral Third” can be defined as a representation of a lawful world in which repair of attachment is possible, in particular by acknowledging the inevitable violations of expected patterns. Acknowledgment of injury and misrecognition thus become an essential element of repair, developmentally and therapeutically. When repair has failed historically, the need for acknowledgment may be imagined as destructive (destabilizing) to the needed other, who cannot tolerate failure to be good. Thus needing recognition of distress or being injured becomes conflated with injuring the other. This reframing of Kleinian formulations of complementarity would see enactments as governed by mutual fear of harming. The moral third might be a way to think about a position from which to metacommunicate about or step out of the fantasy involved in this deep complementary structure: the idea that *only one can live*.

Learning Objectives

Participants will learn to:

- Make clinical use of the idea of intersubjective rupture and repair and understand its developmental origins;
- Understand the meaning and use of the idea of the moral Third and how it guides the therapist in clinical impasses that involve the “doer-done to” complementarity;
- Evaluate and discern when acknowledgement and disclosure by the analyst are helpful, especially when there are problems of dissociation and shame.

Schedule of the Day

- 10:00 a.m. Introduction
10:10 a.m.: **Dr. Jessica Benjamin**
“More Than One Can Live”
11:00 a.m.: Audience Discussion
12:00 – 2:00: Lunch **on your own*
2:00 p.m.: **Dr. Jessica Benjamin**
Clinical Case Presentation
3:00 p.m.: Audience Discussion
4:00 p.m.: Closing remarks

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Jessica Benjamin, Ph.D., is a practicing psychoanalyst in New York City, where she is a supervising faculty member at the Relational Track of the New York University Postdoctoral Psychology program in Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis as well as a founding board member and faculty of the Stephen Mitchell Relational Studies Center. She was a co-founder of the International Association of Relational Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy and the journal *Studies in Gender and Sexuality* and on the editorial board of *Psychoanalytic Dialogues*. She is known as a contributor to the development of relational psychoanalysis and its interrelation with feminism as well as the theory of intersubjectivity. Her earlier works include: *The Bonds of Love*; *Like Subjects, Love Objects*; *Shadow of the Other*. Her most frequently cited article is "Beyond Doer and Done to: an Intersubjective view of Thirdness" (*Psa. Quarterly* 2004). She directed The Acknowledgment Project (2004-2010), a series of dialogues between Israeli and Palestinian mental health professionals and participated in a video project on Combatants for Peace, movingbeyondviolence.org available online. She has published her most recent book *Beyond Doer and Done To: Recognition Theory, Intersubjectivity and the Third* in July of this year.

Judi Kobrick, Ph.D. is President, supervising analyst, faculty and founding member of the Toronto Institute for Contemporary Psychoanalysis (TICP), and faculty at Toronto Psychoanalytic Institute & Society (TPS&I). Dr. Kobrick is in private practice and on the Dean's Advisory Board for the Jackman ICS Laboratory School, University of Toronto.

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