**Western Branch Canadian Psychoanalytic Society**  
**Extension Program**  
**Introduction to French Psychoanalysis**  
**Spring 2014**  
**January 17 – March 21, 2014**

**Preamble:**  
The Western Branch is pleased to offer a preparatory seminar in anticipation of our Annual Scientific Meeting with Dominique Scarfone as keynote speaker, March 29, 2014 at the Arbutus Club in Vancouver and the 74th Congress of French Speaking Psychoanalysts to be held in Montreal, May 29 to June 1st, 2014.

This seminar has two primary objectives:
1. To introduce the student to the work of some of the foremost French analysts, especially those whose work is further available in English translation.
2. To provide examples of French analysts’ treatment of some of the primary issues with which French psychoanalysis has been concerned: namely, language, temporality, sexuality, the negative, psychic representation and psychosomatics.

The faculty will act as facilitators of group discussion of the theoretical material and clinical case presentations. The first part of each session will be the didactic seminar to discuss the readings and after the break a participant will present clinical material for discussion. Participants will sign up to present clinical material.

**Schedule:**  
The seminars will be held on Fridays from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

**Dates:** Jan. 17, 31, Feb.7, 21, Mar. 7, 21 (all dates in 2014)  
4:00 - 5:20 theory  
5:20 - 5:40 break  
5:40 - 7:00 clinical discussion  

**Location:** CP meeting room 113 (Arbutus), Centennial Pavilion, Vancouver General Hospital, 855 West 12th Avenue, Vancouver

**Cost:**  
$270 for professionals and $160 for students;

**Faculty:**  
Coleen Gold, M.A. ATR-BC, Elie Debbane, MD, FRCP(C), Endre Koritar, MD, FRCP(C), Janet Oakes, M.A., ATP-BC, Catherine Young, Ph.D.

**Organizing Committee:**  
Endre Koritar, MD, FRCP(C), James Fabian, MD, FRCP(C), Janet Oakes, M.A., ATP-BC, Catherine Young, Ph.D.

**Texts:**  
Unless otherwise noted, all readings are in *Reading French Psychoanalysis*, ed. Dana Birksted-Breen, Sara Flanders, and Alain Gibeault (Routledge, 2010) (henceforth RFP). Additional readings will be provided by e-mail to participants. Note that RFP has very helpful introductory material, both at the beginning of the book and before each section of the book, where there is some discussion of each paper included. There is also a helpful glossary at the end of the book.

The withdrawal policy of the Extension Program allows refund minus 10% administration cost, before the first class, and no refund as of the first meeting.
“This event is an accredited group learning activity (section 1) as defined by the Maintenance of Certification Program of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, approved by the Canadian Psychiatric Association (CPA). The specific opinions and content of this event are not necessarily those of the CPA, and are the responsibility of the organizer(s) alone.”

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SEMINAR OUTLINE

Session 1: Date: Jan. 17 - Introduction, and Jacques Lacan
Facilitator: Endre Koritar

Readings
1. Dana Birksted-Breen and Sara Flanders, General Introduction, in RFP, pp. 1-51. (The general introduction provides an orienting comparison between French and especially British psychoanalysis. It also gives a picture of Lacan’s importance and role in French psychoanalysis.)

Optional
4. Julia Kristeva, (2000). From Symbols to Flesh: The Polymorphous Destiny of Narration. International Journal of Psycho-Analysis 81: (4) 771-787. (Kristeva was a student of Lacan's; this paper shows her development out of his emphasis on language. It is easier to read than the paper by her in RFP.)

Learning Objectives
At the end of the session participants will be able to:
1. Identify psychoanalytic concepts elaborated by various French analysts.
3. Participate in a clinical discussion of case material using some of the ideas in the theoretical papers.

Session 2: Date: Jan 31 - Language/sexuality/temporality: Jean Laplanche
Facilitator: Coleen Gold

Readings

Optional

Learning Objectives
At the end of the session participants will be able to:
1. Develop an understanding of the significance of Laplanche’s theory of the other and its implications regarding a theory of the unconscious and of sexuality.
2. Begin to appreciate the application of the seduction theory to an understanding of the development of the transference.
3. Explore the clinical implication of Laplanche’s seduction theory to case material.

Session 3: Date: Feb. 7 - Andre Green and the Negative
Facilitator: Elie Debbane
(Note that the American Psychoanalytic Association has an ongoing discussion group meeting at the winter meetings on the clinical application of French psychoanalysis, focusing on the work of Andre Green. The group is led by Gail Reed and Francis Baudry.)

Readings

Optional

Learning Objectives
At the end the session participants will be able to:
1. Identify the different meanings of the “negative” in the context of French Psychoanalytic thoughts.
2. Become acquainted with the notion of “negative hallucination” as described by Andre Green.
3. Describe the difference between the use of the notion of the negative within the Anglo Saxon tradition and the French one.

Session 4: Date: Feb 21 - Issues of Representation
Facilitator: Endre Koritar

Readings

Optional

Learning Objectives
At the end the session participants will be able to:
1. Understand how narcissistic pathology in previous generations impacts the internal psychic structure of the present generation.
2. Understand the usefulness of the concept of the "double", and the experience of the "uncanny" in clinical work.
3. Participate in a clinical discussion of case material using some concepts in the theoretical discussion.

Session 5: Date: March 7 - The Paris School of Psychosomatics
Facilitator: Catherine Young

Readings
1. Marilia Aisenstein, Psychosomatic solution or somatic outcome: The Man from Burma, in RFP, pp. 463-476.
2. Pierre Marty and Michel de M’Uzan, Operational Thinking, in RFP, pp. 449-458, plus Alain Gibeault's introduction to this section, RFP, pp. 440-449.
Learning Objectives
At the end of the session participants will be able to:

1. Become familiar with the defining characteristics of operational thinking as delineated by Marty and M'Uzan and discuss how to distinguish it clinically from other symptomatology such as obsessional thinking.
2. Develop an understanding of essential depression as defined by Marty and differentiate it from neurotic and psychotic depression.
3. Appreciate the function of somatization as an alternative to mentalization.
4. Gain understanding from the discussion of Aisenstein’s clinical example of how one analyst thinks and functions from a psychosomatic point of view in relation to somatosis.

Session 6: Date: March 21 - Wrap-up session
Facilitator: Janet Oakes

Readings
3. Alain Gibeault, Schizophrenia and soul murder, in RFP, pp. 752-764. (This paper will give you an idea of the way French analysts use psychodrama.)

Learning Objectives
At the end of the session participants will be able to:

1. Identify how Didier Anzieu’s concept of the skins ego relates to maternal handling, holding, container/contained, me/not me.
2. Elaborate on what is meant by ‘pathogenic aspects of normality’.
3. Relate the case material of the clinical discussion to some of the ideas in the theoretical papers.