From Ancient Times to Contemporary Psychoanalytic Theorizing, Envy is considered one of the most basic human feelings. Chaucer thought it was the most destructive of all the seven deadly sins. Freud and Klein made it central to their theorizing about how defenses against envy can lead to an inability to love. Exploring the origins of envy in early development (with a particular emphasis on gender development), this course will look at how ubiquitous envy really is. Using case material and contemporary readings, we will look at how envy affects politics, fear of success and even the failure to progress in treatment. How to deal with envious feelings will be a crucial issue we will address.

READINGS

1. FIRST CLASS: THE UNIVERSAL NATURE OF ENVY


2. SECOND CLASS- WHAT IS ENVY?


3. THIRD CLASS: SIBLING RIVALRY AND NORMAL DEVELOPMENT


4. **GENDER AND ENVY; FREUD AND THE IDEALIZATION OF THE PENIS**

SIGMUND FREUD (1931) Female Sexuality SE Vol. 21 (pp221-246)


5. **KLEIN’S EXPANSION OF ENVY – FROM THE PENIS TO THE BREAST**


(Optional) - **ENVY OF THE “COMBINED COUPLE”**


JANINE CHASSEQUET-SMIRGEL (1988) From the archaic matrix of the Oedipus complex to the fully developed Oedipus complex- Theoretical perspective in relation to clinical experience and technique. Psychoanal. Q., 57:505-527

6. **ENVY OF THE MOTHER IN GIRLS AND BOYS ENVY DEVELOPMENTAL ISSUES**


CHRISTINE OLIVIER, (1980) In the beginning was Freud (and other excepts from Jocasta’s children). In Gender and Envy, ed. N. Burke. New York: Routledge, 1998, pp. 199-212


RUTH LAX (1997) The boy’s envy of the mother & the consequences of this narcissistic mortification. Vol. 52, PSC, pp. 118-139
7. **THE MOTHER’S ENVY OF THE DAUGHTER**


8. **ENVY AND THE THERAPEUTIC RELATIONSHIP**