

## **Expanding the Limits of Analytic Theory and Technique: The Work of Andre Green**

The death of Andre Green in 2012 marked an enormous loss for psychoanalysis. He was a brilliant thinker and innovative contributor to our field. The fire of his ideas ignited a passion for discovery in so many colleagues who knew him personally as analyst, supervisor and teacher or had heard his lectures or read his texts. He will be sorely missed, but his thoughts will continue to instruct and inspire.

Green was a leading voice in French psychoanalysis, one whose contributions sit at a crossroads, where the challenges posed and the opportunities presented by the work of Lacan, Klein, Winnicott and Bion meet the still generative insights of Freud, many of which Green reminds us have yet to be fully appreciated or developed. This course will attempt to convey to students Green's contributions and struggles to expand the reach of our theory and practice to patients whose difficulties lie beyond the spectrum of neurotic disturbances for which classical psychoanalysis was originally intended.

**General Learning Objectives:** This course will focus on the work of Andre Green with an eye towards helping students expand their own breadth of psychoanalytic conceptual understanding, listening and technique. In particular, it will focus on those patients and mind states that have been termed 'beyond neurosis' and that lie at or beyond the usual limits of analyzability and do not conform to what has been taught in the US in the past as the so-called 'classical psychoanalysis of neurosis.' Concepts studied, with an emphasis on their implications for clinical practice and technique, will include the Dead Mother complex, the work of the negative, psychic voids, life narcissism and death narcissism, the framing structure, objectalization and disobjectalization, and *après coup* and Green's formulations of Time. Attention will also be directed to those aspects of the work of Bion and Winnicott that were seminal for Green and to a 'French' reading of Freud.

**Format:** This course will meet virtually for 12 ½ hours via Zoom on two Wednesdays and two weekends:

Wednesday 3/9/22 8-9:30 PM

Saturday 3/26/22 10:30 AM-1:00 PM

Sunday 3/27/22 10:30 AM-1:00 PM

Wednesday 4/13/22 8-9:30 PM

Saturday 4/23/22 10:30-12:45

Sunday 4/24/22 10:30-12:45

## Wednesday 3/9:

### Introduction and Overview: Freud, Bion, Green

Required readings:

- Freud, S. (1937). On Construction. S.E. 23: 255-270.
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- Levine, H. B. (2015). An introduction to Bion. pp. 1-9. (To be distributed)
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- Levine, HB. (2018). Andre Green: A Personal Appreciation. In: Reed and Levine, eds. Andre Green Revisited: Representation and the Work of the Negative. Routledge/IPA 2018, pp. xv-xxv.
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- Urribarri, F. (2017). An Interview with Andre Green: On a Psychoanalytic Journey from 1960 to 2011. In: Perelberg and Kohon, eds. *The Greening of Psychoanalysis*. 2017, London: Karnac, pp. 115-132.

Recommended additional readings:

- Hunter, V., Green, A. (1990). Interview with Andre Green. Psychoanal. Rev. 77: 157-173.
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- Rolland, J.C. (2018). The place of Andre Green in Contemporary Psychoanalysis. A personal remembrance. In: Reed and Levine, eds. Andre Green Revisited: Representation and the Work of the Negative. Routledge/IPA 2018, 21-26.

## Saturday 3/26

### Neurotic and Non-Neurotic states.

Required Readings:

- Green, A. (1975). The Analyst, Symbolization and Absence in the Analytic Setting. IJP 56: 1-22.
- Levine, HB (2018). Book Review The Greening of Psychoanalysis Edited by Perelberg and Kohon, IJP volume 99: 535-538.

Recommended Additional reading:

- Green, A. (1997). The intuition of the negative in *Playing and Reality*. IJP 78: 1071-1084.
- Winnicott, D.W. (1971). *Playing and Reality*. London: Tavistock. Chapter on Transitional Objects.

### **Sunday 3/27**

#### **The Dead Mother Complex.**

Required reading:

- Green, A. (1980). The Dead Mother. In: Green, A (1997). On Private Madness. London: Karnac, pp. 142-173.
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- Levine, H.B. and Migliozi, A. (2018). Re-Membering the Dead Mother. In: Reed and Levine, eds., Andre Green Revisited: Representation and the Work of the Negative. Routledge/IPA 2018, pp. 29-46.

### **Wednesday 4/13**

#### **The Work of the Negative**

Required Reading:

- Green, A. (2005). The work of the negative. In: Green A., Key Ideas for a Contemporary Psychoanalysis. London and New York: Routledge, 2005, pp. 212-226.
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- Urribarri, F. (2018). The negative and its vicissitudes: a new contemporary paradigm for psychoanalysis. In: Reed and Levine, eds., Andre Green Revisited: Representation and the Work of the Negative. Routledge/IPA 2018, pp. 65-86.

### **Saturday 4/23**

#### **Work of the Negative Death Drive and Framing Structure**

Required reading:

- Brunet, M.F. (2018). Thought and the work of the negative. In: Reed and Levine, eds., Andre Green Revisited: Representation and the Work of the Negative. Routledge/IPA 2018, pp. 113-132.
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- Perelberg, R.J. (2017). Negative hallucinations, dreams and hallucinations: the framing structure and its representation in the analytic setting. In: Perelberg and Kohon, eds. *The Greening of Psychoanalysis*. London: Karnac, pp. 51-73.

Recommended additional reading:

- Eizerik et al (2018). The death drive and work of the negative in Andre' Green's work. In: Reed and Levine, eds., Andre Green Revisited: Representation and the Work of the Negative. Routledge/IPA 2018, pp. 87-112.

## **Sunday 4/24**

### **Final Thoughts and Review**

Required reading:

- Urribarri, F., (2017). On Clinical Thinking. In: Perelberg and Kohon, eds. (2017). The Greening of Psychoanalysis. London: Karnac, pp. 133-150.
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- Perelberg, R. J. (2017). Andre Green: Introduction: The arborescence of a conceptual paradigm. In: Perelberg and Kohon, eds. (2017). The Greening of Psychoanalysis. London: Karnac, pp. 1-44.

Recommended additional reading:

- Perelberg, R.J. (2018). Repetition, transformations and apres coup. . In: Reed and Levine, eds., Andre Green Revisited: Representation and the Work of the Negative. Routledge/IPA 2018, pp. 161-174.
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- [Sechaud, E. \(2008\). The Handling of the Transference in French Psychoanalysis. \*Int. J. Psycho-Anal.\*, 89\(5\):1011-1028.](#)

**Learning Objectives:** Candidates will become familiar with Green's theory and concepts, including the meaning and clinical application of such concepts as *the negative, interpretations in the transference vs. interpretations about the transference, framing structure, objectalizing and disobjectalizing functions, archeological analysis vs. transformational analysis*. In addition, they will have deepened their understanding and appreciated the clinical implications of the French view of the differences between Freud's topographic and structural theories, Freud's theory of the Unconscious and the potentially revolutionary place of his 1937 paper on Constructions.

