Seminar in Child Analysis

Purpose Statement:
This course is designed to introduce the theory and technique of child analysis. The instructor emphasizes the therapeutic goal of moving the child towards a healthy developmental trajectory, as suggested by Anna Freud, and explains the advantages of adopting the role of a consultant in work with parents and other caregivers. The course material will include (1) The preoedipal period and the issue of analysis for very young children; (2) the evaluation and recommendation of analysis for child patients; (3) the relevance of the Oedipal Complex in contemporary analytic formulations; (4) play therapy theory and technique; (5) interpretation in child analysis; (6) transference in child analysis; (7) termination in child analysis; and (8) child analysis outside the consulting room.

11/12 – No child analysis class


*Video presentation of 3-yo child.*

12/3 – no child analysis class
12/10 – Double Session (Make up of 11/12)

Evaluation and Recommendation for Analysis

*Video presentation of evaluation of 4-yo child: Parent Consultation Model.*

*Discussion of evaluation of older children and adolescents.*


**Is the Oedipus Still Relevant for Current Psychoanalytic Thinking?**


12/17 – (Double Session to make up 12/3)

**Play Therapy Theory and Technique in Child Analysis**

*Discussion of play and talk in analysis of older children and adolescents. Video presentation of play in analytic treatment.*


**Interpretation in Child Analysis**

*Video presentation of analytic treatment in 5-yo boy. Discussion of interpretation in older children and adolescent*


1/21 - Transference in Child Analysis.

*Video presentation of analytic treatment in 5-yo boy. Discussion of transference in older children and adolescents.*


1/28 – Termination in Child Analysis


2/4 Child Analysis Outside the Consulting Room


Elective Readings:


6) Symposium on Child-Analysis (1927). International Journal of Psychoanalysis, 8: 339-391. (The early Freud-Klein Controversies (Directly related to child analysis) Klein (PEP Web Link), Riviere (PEP Web Link), Searl (PEP Web Link), Sharpe (PEP Web Link), Glover (PEP Web Link), Jones (PEP Web Link)