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TECHNIQUE III
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Course Description and Reading List

In this course we will focus closely on the relation between theory and technique, asking several questions in the context of specific pieces of actual analytic process. How do different theoretical stances make therapeutic differences? Do different kinds of interpretations and interventions lead to similar outcomes? Different but equivalent outcomes? Different and non-equivalent outcomes?

For the first half of the course we will be asking these questions about a clinical presentation that appeared in *Psychoanalytic Inquiry* in 1990, together with discussions of the presenter's technique from analysts with different theoretical backgrounds. We will review the relevant distinctions among the schools of thought represented in the discussions, asking what would analysts of differing persuasions have done and what might the consequences be?

In the final weeks we will look at some theories of technique not represented in that 1990 discussion, and discuss what it might mean to be an analyst of one persuasion or another.

- September 17th:** Fosshage (1990). Clinical Protocol. *Psychoanalytic Inquiry*, 10: 461-477. [PEP Web Link](#)
- September 24th:** Curtis (1990). Patient as Existential Victim: A Classical View. *Psychoanalytic Inquiry*, 10: 498-508. [PEP Web Link](#)
- Fosshage's response, at 601-607 and 610-612. [PEP Web Link](#)
- October 1st:** Roth and Segal (1990). A Kleinian View. *Psychoanalytic Inquiry*, 10: 541-549. [PEP Web Link](#)
- Kohon, A (1990). British Independent Object Relations View. *Psychoanalytic Inquiry*, 10: 550-553. [PEP Web Link](#)
- Fosshage's responses, at 607-610 and 618-619. [PEP Web Link](#)
- Miller and Miller, Reflections, at 585-591. [PEP Web Link](#)

- October 8th :** Mitchell (1990). A Relational View. *Psychoanalytic Inquiry*, 10: 523-540. [PEP Web Link](#)
- Fosshage's response, at 612-616. [PEP Web Link](#)
- October 15th:** Hoffman (2009). Therapeutic Passion in the Countertransference. *Psychoanalytic Dialogues*, 19: 617-637. [PEP Web Link](#)
- October 22nd:** Anderson (2014). How D. W. Winnicott Conducted Psychoanalysis. *Psychoanalytic Psychology*, 31: 375-395. [Available in [Library](#)]
- October 29th:** Ferro (2006). Clinical Implications of Bion's Thought. *Int'l Journal of Psychoanalysis*, 87: 989-1003. [PEP Web Link](#)
- November 5th:** Parson (2009). An independent theory of clinical technique. *Psychoanalytic Dialogue*, 19: 221-236. [PEP Web Link](#)
- Parson (2009). Reply to Commentaries. *Psychoanalytic Dialogue*, 19: 259-266. [PEP Web Link](#)