



Freud III – Winter 2020

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Welcome to Freud III!

At the request of the Year 5 candidate group, this seminar will focus on clinically oriented writings of Freud that have not been covered in earlier seminars.

In this seminar we will read two cases reported by Freud, including Freud's most famous case study ("The Wolfman"). Freud wrote each of his cases to underscore and demonstrate a principle or observation. Little Hans (Analysis of a Phobia in a Five-Year-Old Boy) was Freud's effort to illustrate infantile sexuality and the associated infantile fantasies as well as defenses against these fantasies in the development of symptoms. In relation to Little Hans we will also read two more contemporary comments on the impact of the case in psychoanalytic history. In the case of the Wolfman (*From the History of an Infantile Neurosis*) Freud used the analysis of a childhood dream to reveal how the early underlying fantasies (stimulated by both experiences and desires) led to an "infantile neurosis" that persisted as symptoms in an adult. A central question to be considered in this case (and in general) is the place or validity of "reconstruction" in psychoanalysis. We will read Freud's discussion of this issue from 1937 along with a more contemporary view of the place of reconstruction in adult analysis.

Freud began the case of the Wolfman with a caution regarding the value of basing theory on one case study: "Naturally a single case does not give us all the information that we should like to have. Or, to put it more correctly, it might teach us everything, if we were only in a position to make everything out, and if we were not compelled by the inexperience of our own perception to content ourselves with a little" (S.E. XVII pp.10). Many other cautions may be brought out as we discuss these cases from the early history of psychoanalysis.

Finally, we will read *The 'Uncanny'*, a brief paper in which Freud examines the sources of discomfort associated with certain experiences which evoke the double experience of familiarity and strangeness and suggests these experiences reflect the contact with the repressed unconscious.

Syllabus

Little Hans

Session 1: 12/3/20 - Little Hans part 1

Freud, S. (1909). Analysis of a Phobia in a Five-Year-Old Boy. (1909), S.E. Vol. X pp. 1-51. [PEP Web Link](#)

Session 2: 12/10/2020- Little Hans part 2

Freud, S. (1909). Analysis of a Phobia in a Five-Year-Old Boy. (1909), S.E. Vol. X pp. 52-100. [PEP Web Link](#)

Supplemental reading:

Young-Bruehl, E. (2007). Little Hans in the History of Child Analysis. *Psychoanal. St. Child*, 62:28-43. [PEP Web Link](#)

Session 3: 12/17/2020 - Little Hans part 3

Freud, S. (1909). Analysis of a Phobia in a Five-Year-Old Boy. (1909), S.E. Vol. X pp. 100-150. [PEP Web Link](#)

Supplemental reading:

Neubauer, P.B. (2007). Exploring Little Hans. *Psychoanal. St. Child*, 62:143-149. [PEP Web Link](#)

Wolfman

Session 4: 1/7/2021- Wolfman Part 1

Freud, S. *From the History of an Infantile Neurosis*, (1918/1914) S.E. Vol XVII, pp. 3-71. [PEP Web Link](#)

Session 5: 1/14/21- Wolfman Part 2

Freud, S. *From the History of an Infantile Neurosis*, (1918/1914) S.E. Vol XVII, pp. 72- 103. [PEP Web Link](#)

Academic Lecture 1/21/21

Session 6: 1/28/21

Freud, S. *From the History of an Infantile Neurosis*, (1918/1914) S.E. Vol XVII, pp. 104-122. [PEP Web Link](#)

Session 7: 2/4/21

Freud, S. *Constructions in Analysis*. (1937) S.E. Vol. XXIII (1937) pp. 255-270. [PEP Web Link](#)

Supplemental reading:

Blum, H. (2003) *Psychoanalytic Controversies: Repression, transference, and reconstruction*. *Int J Psychoanal* 2003;84: 497–513. [PEP Web Link](#)

APsaA Meeting 2/11/21

Session 8: 2/18/21

Freud, S. (1919). *The 'Uncanny'*. S.E. Volume XVII pp. 217-256. [PEP Web Link](#)