Understanding Primitive Mental States
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The British Independent Tradition:
From the Controversial Discussions to the Present

Presenter:
Lesley Caldwell
Spring 2021
2:00pm-3:30pm EST
“Now Offering CEs for Licensed Psychologists, as well as Social Workers”

Program Dates: Fridays, March 5, March 19, April 16, April 30, May 7, May 21, June 4 and June 18

This course aims to introduce the approaches of the British Independent Group, to locate them in regard to earlier Independent thinkers in the psychoanalytic tradition, notably Sandor Ferenczi, and to place them in the wider field of British object relations and its trajectory. The scope of the course will include theoretical, clinical and technical approaches and demonstrate differences in this tradition from the Kleinian tradition. This bi-monthly course will begin in March 2021 and continue into the fall with the intention of continuing as an on-going seminar.

Other Independent thinkers whom we will read and discuss for their contributions within the Independent School are Harold Stewart, Enid Balint, Michael Balint, Kit Bollas, Nina Coltart, John Keene, Masud Khan, Michael Parsons, and Ken Wright.

The first classes will include an historical discussion giving birth to the Independent School through The Freud-Klein Controversies with readings by Pearl King, Riccardo Steiner, Marjorie Brierley, Silvia Payne, and Ella Freeman Sharpe.

Lesley Caldwell is a member of the BPA in private practice in London. She is a corresponding member of LAISPS, and from 2006 to 2020 she was a guest member of the BPAS. She is a TA for the London Independent Child and Adolescent trainings (IPCAPA) and a member of its Training Analysts’ Committee. She is Honorary Professor in the Psychoanalysis Unit at UCL, and a European representative for
COWAP, the IPA committee for women in psychoanalysis. With Helen Taylor Robinson she is General Editor of the *Collected Works of Donald Winnicott* (2016, OUP) and is responsible for the more than 100 additions recently added to the online CW, and freely available at Volume 12 from OUP online. She is interested in forms of analytic communication and their implications for the analytic project.

**Learning Objectives:**
1) Participants will describe the organization and origins of the Independent School of the British Psychoanalytic Institute
2) Participants will explain the different technical and interpretative tools of the Independent British School Scholars

**Program Fee:** $1000

**Susan N Finkelstein, LCSW, UPMS Director,** is a Training and Supervising analyst at the Contemporary Freudian Society and Fellow at IPTAR. She developed Understanding Primitive Mental States, a study group where she teaches The Internal World and Its Objects, The Claustro-agoraphobic Dilemma, Clinical Klein, Bion and Beckett: The Not-I Patient. At APsaA she co-chairs an annual winter discussion group with Nasir Ilahi on Schizoid Modes-Spatial Time Continuum. She is in private practice in NYC in psychoanalysis, psychotherapy, couple therapy and clinical supervision. She is an associate board member of the International Journal of Psychoanalysis.

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**To Register:**
Please contact Susan Finkelstein to register and make payment arrangements.
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