Psychoanalysis and Values
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Session One: Cultural Values and Psychoanalytic Theorizing

**Important note:** Please complete a writing assignment BEFORE beginning the readings for this class. Briefly describe the socio-cultural contexts that you grew up in, and how you believe these contexts influenced the person and therapist you have become, including your values. This “paper” can be as brief as a couple of paragraphs, or much lengthier if you prefer. Please bring this paper to our first class. We will begin our discussion by “locating” each of us.

Required Reading:


Session Two: Normative Unconscious and Identity formation

Required Readings:


Recommended:


Session 3: Individualism and the Nature of the self

Required Readings:

Manbiot, G. Neoliberalism: The Ideology at the Root of all our problems https://www.theguardian.com/books/2016/apr/15/neoliberalism-ideology-problem-george-monbiot


Recommended:


Session 4: The Ethical Turn in Psychoanalysis

Required Readings:


Session 5: Social Class

Required Readings:


Recommended Reading:


**Session 6: Whiteness**

Required Readings:


Please also watch the following video prior to this session:

White Like Me by Tim Wise
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N4w9UnE4FLY

**Session 7: Heterosexuality**

The required readings for this class meeting will be determined at the end of session 6.


**Session 8: Vulnerability**

Required Readings:


Recommended: