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Center for Modern Psychoanalytic Studies

Distance Learning Program: Online Course via Zoom

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Single-Semester Course

Ferenczi and Modern Psychoanalysis: Contrasts and Convergences

This course examines Ferenczi's evolution in theory and technique, including his independent views on nachträglichkeit, mutual analysis, and seduction theory. We will study his thinking on the role of the psychoanalyst, which anticipates modern psychoanalytic understandings of transference, countertransference, and resistance. The continuities and differences between the theories and clinical approaches of Sandor Ferenczi and Hyman Spotnitz are discussed in the context of current modern psychoanalytic thought.

15 CE Credits for Psychoanalysts, Psychologists, and Social Workers

10 THURSDAYS | FEBRUARY 5 – APRIL 23, 2026
12:00 - 1:30 PM (Eastern)

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TUITION: \$550

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CONTINUING EDUCATION INFORMATION

LEARNING OBJECTIVES: Participants will be able to (1) describe the development of Ferenczi's thought and compare and contrast it with Freud's, (2) describe Ferenczi's theories of introjection and transference, (3) describe the therapeutic approaches developed by Ferenczi, (4) explain the meaning of child analysis in an adult treatment, (5) describe Ferenczi's theory of the death instinct, (6) explain the concept of confusion of tongues and describe the treatment approaches Ferenczi used to address this phenomenon, (7) describe how Ferenczi's theories and therapeutic approaches anticipate those of modern psychoanalysis, (8) describe the vicissitudes of love in the transference, (9) describe the advances made by Spotnitz that distinguish modern psychoanalysis from Ferenczi and the Budapest School, and (10) describe Spotnitz's conceptualization of the goals of psychoanalysis.

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