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Online Presentation (via Zoom)

“Can’t go on. Will go on.” *Learning From Therapeutic Failure*

This presentation addresses an oft-experienced but less frequently discussed phenomenon in psychoanalysis: failure in clinical work. Kaul will give a brief sketch of a therapeutic failure on her part. Presenting such cases to peer groups is fraught with anxiety. In such moments we look for secure spaces: supervision, writings by psychoanalytic ancestors. Kaul will describe her search for just such ancestry. She will discuss a paper by a compatriot Sailesh Kapadia, “The Use of Myths in Children,” about how the shadow of a forbidden truth falls on the analysis, which ends badly.

2 CE Credits for Psychoanalysts, Psychologists, and Social Workers

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2024 • 9:30 – 11:30 AM (Eastern)

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STUDENTS: Free



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CONTINUING EDUCATION INFORMATION

LEARNING OBJECTIVES: Participants will be able to (1) understand the meaning of clinical failures and the anxieties that arise in presenting them, (2) understand the challenges of identifying with one’s psychoanalytic ancestors, especially for a non-white person, and (3) describe how psychoanalytic lies can be fatal to analysis.

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