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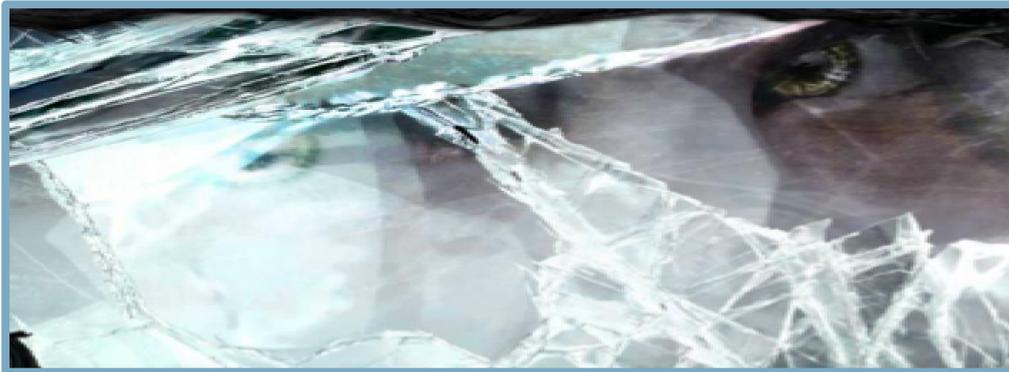
Analytic Approaches to Encounters with Narcissistic and Borderline Functioning

Saturday 18 September 2021

Zoom

9.00am – 1.15 AEST

Numbers limited



From *Re-enchantment* (2017), by Sarah Gibson

Historically, the complex and often contentious concepts of ‘Narcissism’ and ‘Borderline’ have had a central role within psychoanalytic practice and theory. In this seminar, Sydney based ANZSJA analysts **Kerrie Kirkwood** and **Julia Meyerowitz-Katz** will offer participants an invitation to engage with them as they present an in-depth exploration of the challenges, constraints, and potentialities in clinical work with narcissistic and borderline processes. The seminar will include an orientation to Jungian psychoanalytic approaches to understanding the interiority of the unconscious inner life in narcissism and borderline functioning. There will be opportunities for participants to share a thinking space about their own clinical experiences.

Kerrie Kirkwood

Challenges and Constraints when Working Clinically with the Narcissistic Personality Structure

Drawing on Jungian, post-Jungian and psychoanalytic perspectives, Kerrie Kirkwood will be presenting reflections from her clinical work in order to illustrate and explain how she approaches the challenges and constraints occurring when working with the repetitive and entrenched traits that are consistent with a narcissistic personality structure. She will explore whether the narcissistically damaged patient can ever change or whether therapy simply reinforces narcissistic defences.

Julia Meyerowitz-Katz

Circumambulations Around the Dread Place: Analytic work with the painful ambivalence of borderline communications.

Julia will be describing how she uses the term ‘borderline’ to denote a particular kind of inter- and intra-psychic structure and process as it is encountered in analytic work. She will be describing how over time predominantly pre-symbolic, non-symbolic, or even at times, experientially anti-symbolic signals of profound disorder and traumatically triggered distress can slowly be transformed into more symbolic and therefore more individuated functioning.

