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## **Gender, Sex & Sexuality: Freud and beyond**

### Class 1:

#### **Recap on Freud's ideas on sexuality, masculinity and femininity (gender)**

No required reading before class. But please, download and bring the PDF of the following readings from the Reserve Library. We will read in class short select passages from Freud's essays in order to discuss his changing views of sexuality and gender.

Freud, S. (1905). *Three Essays on the Theory of Sexuality*. Standard Edition. London: Hogarth Press, 1953, 7: 123-245.

Freud, S. (1908). *On the Sexual Theories of Children*. Standard Edition. London: Hogarth Press, 1953, 9: 205-226.

Freud, S. (1923). *The Ego and the Id*. Standard Edition. London: Hogarth Press, 1953, 9: 1-66. Chapter III, pp. 27-39.

Freud, S. (1923). *Infantile Genital Organisation*. Standard Edition. London: Hogarth Press, 1953, 14: 139-146.

Freud, S. (1924). *The Dissolution of the Oedipus Complex*. Standard Edition. London: Hogarth Press, 1953, 14: 171-180.

Freud, S. (1933). New introductory lectures on psychoanalysis. *Lecture 33: Femininity*. Standard Edition. London: Hogarth Press, 1953, 22. pp. 111-134.

### Class 2:

#### **Beyond Freud: Drive, Desire and Seduction. Emergence of sexuality in the light of the primacy of the other**

Quindeau, Ilka (2013). *Seduction and Desire*. London: Karnac.

Required reading: Introduction and parts of chapter 1, pp. vi – 30

### Class 3:

#### **The traditional conceptualization on its head: Gender (assignment) precedes sex**

Required reading:

Laplanche, Jean (2007). Gender, Sex, and the Sexual. *Studies in Gender and Sexuality* 8:201-219.

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Class 4:

**The complex relationship between gender and sexuality**

“Masculine - Feminine”

Quindeau, Ilka (2013). *Seduction and Desire*. London: Karnac.

Required reading: pp. 73-106.

Class 5:

**Freud’s denial of the vagina in the light of defenses against the omnipotent mother**

Chasseguet-Smirgel, J. (1976). Freud and Female Sexuality—The Consideration of Some Blind Spots in the Exploration of the 'Dark Continent'. *International Journal of Psycho-Analysis*, 57:275-286

Class 6:

**From identificatory love to object love**

Benjamin, J. (1995). Sameness and Difference: Toward an “Overinclusive” Model of Gender Development. *Psychoanal. Inq. Psychoanalytic Inquiry*, 15:125-142. (Required)

Benjamin, J. (2015). Masculinity, Complex: A Historical Take. *Studies in Gender and Sexuality*, 16:271-277.

Class 7:

**Return to the body: pleasure, disgust and shame**

Dimen, Muriel (2000). The Body as Rorschach. *Studies in Gender and Sexuality*, 1:9-39

Class 8:

Atlas, Galit (2015). TOUCH ME, KNOW ME: The Enigma of Erotic Longing. *Psychoanalytic Psychology*, Vol. 32, No. 1, 123–139.

Class 9:

**Transgender and the problems of the gender binary**

Goldner, V. (2011). Trans: Gender in Free Fall. *Psychoanal. Dial.*, 21: 159-171. (Required)

Saketopoulou, Avgi (2014). Mourning the Body as Bedrock. Developmental Considerations in Treating Transsexual Patients Analytically. *J Am Psychoanal Assoc.* 62 no. 5, 773-806.

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Class 10:

**Discussion of the literature and clinical material exploring the complex relationships between sex, gender and the sexual**

Additional Literature

Atlas, G. (2015). *The Enigma of Desire: Sex, Longing, and Belonging in Psychoanalysis*. London: Taylor & Francis.

Benjamin, J. (2015). The 'too muchness' of excitement: Sexuality in light of excess, attachment and affect regulation. *International Journal of Psychoanalysis* 96 (1).

Blechner, M. (2015). Bigenderism and Bisexuality. *Contemporary Psychoanalysis* - Volume 51, Issue 3 3/21/16.

Burkhalter, Thomas (2018). Masculinity as a Gendered Form of Desire: Laplanche and Enigmatic Seduction, *Studies in Gender and Sexuality*, 19:3, 217-230.

Corbett, K., Dimen, M., Goldner, V., Harris, A. (2014). Talking Sex, Talking Gender—A Roundtable. *Studies in Gender and Sexuality*, 15: 295-317.

Dimen, M. (2003). *Sexuality, Intimacy, Power*. New York: The Analytic Press/Taylor & Francis Group.

Laplanche, J. (2011) *Freud and the Sexual: Essays 2000-2006*. New York: The Unconscious in Translation

Rothe, K. (2018) The Freudian sexual and bisexuality as transformative forces that subvert the gender binary. Talk at the APCS conference *TRANSFORMATIONS: Disrupting Dystopian Futures*, October 2018.