



CTP TRAINING PROGRAM SEMINAR **2026-2027**

The Centre for Training in Psychotherapy offers in Canada a full program for training psychodynamic psychotherapists

Sexy Freud **CP-003-SF**

CTP - SEMINAR

(30) hours

Lecturer: **Aaron Rotbard**

Location: Location: The Centre for Training in Psychotherapy
21 Randolph
Toronto, On

Time: Saturday 2:00 – 5:15
Monthly
Begins September

Prerequisite: Clinical Phase or Concentration may be taken in the 3rd year if the student has completed the Foundation Phase of the program but has not entered the Clinical Phase of the CTP program.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

RAD PSY I – SEXY FREUD

Another Freudian moment is upon us. This time, it is inspired by the “faithful infidelity” of Jean Laplanche, whose rethinking of Freudian theory has sparked a renewed wave of innovation across the contemporary



psychoanalytic scene. United by a shared commitment to preserving—and reactivating—the perennial radicality of psychoanalysis, a number of theorists and clinicians are extending the field in bold and generative directions.

This course takes Avgi Saketopoulou’s work as its primary interlocutor, reading back through Freud to reconsider foundational psychoanalytic concepts and their urgency for our time. Particular attention is given to trauma, sexuality, gender, race, and the body, approached through a queer and non-normative sensibility. Straddling the clinical and the cultural, the course asks what becomes of psychodynamic practice when it situates itself beyond the adaptational and within a liberatory ethic—and what it means to stay with the excessive, destabilizing dimensions of psychic life rather than resolve them.

Principal Texts

Van Haute, Philippe, and Herman Westerink. “Hysteria, Sexuality, and the Deconstruction of Normativity: Rereading Freud’s 1905 Edition of *Three Essays on the Theory of Sexuality*.” In Sigmund Freud, *Three Essays on the Theory of Sexuality: The 1905 Edition*, translated by Ulrike Kistner, xiii–lxxvi. London: Verso, 2017.

Saketopoulou, Avgi. *Sexuality Beyond Consent: Risk, Race, Traumatophilia*. New York: NYU Press, 2023.

Saketopoulou, Avgi, and Ann Pellegrini. *Gender Without Identity*. New York: Unconscious in Translation, 2023.