**DISSOCIATION, SPLITTING, AND CLOSET NARCISSISM: SYLLABUS ORI COURSE**

**SECOND SEMESTER, JANUARY THROUGH MARCH 2020**

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**First Week Readings:** For the first class in the beginning of January please read two chapters in 

“The Dissociative Mind” by Elizabeth F. Howell. Intro and Chapter 1: pp. 1-37

Also, pp. 82 to 91 on Ronald Fairbairn and splitting/dissociation, related to his original 1952 papers on Endopsychic Structure. In addition pp. 219-228, on “Narcissism: A Relational Aspect of Dissociation”


**Third Week’s Readings:** two papers by Annie Reich in 1940 and 1953, which relate to the clinical phenomenon of the “Closet Narcissist,” defined by Masterson:

“Extreme Submissiveness in Women” and “Narcissistic Object Choice in Women”

**Fourth Week’s Readings:** Melanie Klein’s 1946 paper “Notes on Some Schizoid Mechanisms”.


**Fifth Week’s Readings:** “Psychic Retreat” by John Steiner, pp. 1-63: "A theory of psychic retreats"  
"Psychic retreats: a clinical illustrations,“ “The paranoid-schizoid and depressive positions," "Review: narcissistic object relations and pathological organizations of the personality," "The recovery of parts of the self lost through projective identification: the role of mourning"


“Psychic Structure and the Capacity to Mourn: Why Narcissists Can’t Mourn,” by Susan Kavaler-Adler, in two journals, “Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy” and later in “Mind Consiliums” the ORI online journal.

**Seventh Week’s Readings:** paper on “Trump’s Rallies, Woody Allan’s “Blue Jasmine, and the Psychohistorical Impact of Closet Narcissism” given on the Plenary Panel of the International Psychohistorical Association May 22, 2019, to be in 3 Volumes of Selected Papers of Susan Kavaler-Adler,” in press with International Psychoanalytic Books

**Eighth Week’s Readings:** Reading in Michael Balint’s “The Basic Fault,” 1979, New York: Brunner Mazel
pp. 11-27 "the two levels of analytic work," "the area of the basic fault," "The area of creation"
pp. 138-147 "The various forms of therapeutic regression," "pp. 159-172 "Therapeutic regression, primary love," and "the basic fault"

pp. 119-219

**Tenth Week:** 3 chapters on “The Case of June” in “Mourning, Spirituality and Psychic Change…,”

*Closet Narcissist Dynamics in relation trauma and preoedipal trauma (Kavaler-Adler)*
pp. 81-148.