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The Contributions of Gaetano Benedetti to the Psychoanalytic Therapy of Persons Experiencing Distressing Psychotic States, in the Light of Contemporary Affective and Social Neuroscience

Gaetano Benedetti has been working psychoanalytically with schizophrenic patients for over 50 years at the Burghölzli, the psychiatric hospital of the University of Zürich. Brian Koehler will review Benedetti's contributions to the psychoanalytic therapy of persons experiencing distressing psychotic states. Subjects to be discussed include the therapeutic symbiosis; the transitional subject; progressive psychopathology; therapeutic counteridentification; the possible origins of what we call "schizophrenia;" and transforming therapeutic images. In addition, Benedetti's work will be discussed in light of contemporary research in genetics, epigenetics, and neurobiology in psychotic disorders and chronic stress.

2 CE Credits for Social Workers and Psychologists

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CONTINUING EDUCATION INFORMATION

LEARNING OBJECTIVES: Participants will be able to (1) describe two theoretical rationales for why using a psychoanalytic approach to treat psychosis might be particularly beneficial, and (2) describe Benedetti's theories of therapeutic symbiosis, the transitional subject, and transforming therapeutic images.

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