CHRISTOPHER BOLLAS’ NEW BOOK has already generated a tremendous controversial response from the psychoanalytic community. This two-part workshop will read and discuss the book and listen to Tracy Morgan’s *New Books in Psychoanalysis* podcast interview with Bollas, where he argues that psychoanalysis is the treatment of choice for patients on the verge of having a breakdown. Bollas’ case presentations and those provided by the workshop participants will be discussed in detail. How do we know when a person is on the verge of a mental breakdown? How might the analytic setting be modified or extended to meet this circumstance? How has Bollas managed to prevent some patients from enduring hospitalization, intense medication, and behavior remediation through the application of psychoanalysis alone?

**WEDNESDAYS: JUNE 5th and 12th – 7:00-8:30 PM**

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- **Instructional level:** Introductory to Intermediate
- **Intended Audience:** Mental health practitioners, psychoanalysts, psychologists

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