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Extension Division Presentation

From the “Child Woman” to “Wonder Woman”: Progress and Misogyny in Psychoanalytic Theory and Clinical Work

The way we listen to our patients and formulate their problems in the areas of sex and gender depend on the guiding theories of the therapist. The place and function of sex and gender in that theory will reveal its biases about female development in particular. Rosemary Balsam will compare an early portrait of female development in the history of psychoanalysis, the “Child Woman” described by Fritz Wittels, of Freud’s circle, circa 1908, to issues surrounding the creation of the cartoon character “Wonder Woman” (1941) and her realization as a live character in a movie (2017). Balsam will utilize psychoanalytic theory to critique this character’s encoded gender messages.

2 CE Credits for Licensed Psychoanalysts, Social Workers, and Psychologists

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CONTINUING EDUCATION INFORMATION

LEARNING OBJECTIVES: Participants will be able to (1) describe the impact of cultural shifts in late-nineteenth-century Vienna on the development of psychoanalytic theory; and (2) describe how psychoanalytic theories of sex and gender, in particular the denigration of women, are a function of the cultural zeitgeist.

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