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Intimacy in Alienation: A Psychoanalytic Study of Hindu-Muslim Relationships

In India, Hindu-Muslim relationships have had a history of togetherness and conflict over centuries. This talk explores the delicate relationship between the history of the two communities and that of the intimate Hindu-Muslim couple. Exploring the psychological interiority of the couple causes us to rethink the social and cultural phenomena of otherness, identity, and desire. In the unconscious reside the unspoken conflicts that exist between the two communities. What keeps a couple going, and is love enough? The couple must explore the meanings to give to their identity, with or without religion. These themes will be illustrated through a psychobiography that unravels identity and desire in interfaith relationships.

2 CE Credits for Psychoanalysts,
Psychologists, and Social Workers

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STUDENTS: Free



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CONTINUING EDUCATION INFORMATION

LEARNING OBJECTIVES: Participants will be able to (1) describe the translation of self-other dynamics in groups and dyadic relationships, particularly concerning Hindus and Muslims in India, as well as in social groups with a history of both cohesion and conflict, and (2) explain the need for “third” or transitional psychosocial spaces for the emergence of new identities.

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