

Syllabus
PT 162 History of Drive Theory in Freud
M. Buenzle Spring 2018

Mon. 5:30-7:30
CMPS: 30 Clock Hours
NYGSP: 2 Credits

Course Description

Freud's later papers are studied: the dual drive theory and the repetition compulsion; the division of the psyche into ego, id and superego; the sources of anxiety; the effects of innate destructiveness on the prospects for civilization; interminable analysis; and Freud's final summing-up of the state of analysis in 1939. The continuing influence of these papers on contemporary thought is examined in relation to the current treatment methods and the appreciation of the role of destructive aggression.

Objectives

Students will be able to:

- explain the history and development of drive theory in Freud and the significance of his final dual drive theory; and
- conceptualize the significance of the death drive and aggression for the understanding and treatment of narcissistic disorders.

Method of Evaluation

Class participation, weekly logs, and a paper due during the exam weeks. Logs can be emailed to me at markbuenzle@gmail.com.

Assigned Readings

Class 1

Edgcombe, R. (1970). The development of Freud's instinct theory. In H. Nagera (Ed.), *Basic psychoanalytic concepts on the theory of instincts* (pp. 23-49). New York, NY: Basic Books.

Hemingway, E. (1987). The snows of Kilimanjaro. In *The complete stories of Ernest Hemmingway* (pp. 39-56). New York, NY: Charles Scribner's Sons. (Original work published 1936, *Esquire*)

Class 2

Freud, S. (1955). Notes upon a case of obsessional neurosis (The Rat Man) (Part I). In J. Strachey (Ed. and Trans.), *The standard edition of the complete psychological works of Sigmund Freud* (Vol. 10, pp. 158-220). London, England: Hogarth Press. (Original work published 1909) (PEP)

Class 3

Freud, S. (1955). Notes upon a case of obsessional neurosis (The Rat Man) (Part II). In J. Strachey (Ed. and Trans.), *The standard edition of the complete psychological works of Sigmund Freud* (Vol. 10, pp. 221-249). London, England: Hogarth Press. (Original work published 1909) (PEP)

Class 4

Freud, S. (1957). Mourning and melancholia. In J. Strachey (Ed. and Trans.), *The standard edition of the complete psychological works of Sigmund Freud* (Vol. 14, pp. 239-258). London, England: Hogarth Press. (Original work published 1915) (PEP)

Class 5

Freud, S. (1955). Beyond the pleasure principle (Parts I-V). In J. Strachey (Ed. and Trans.), *The standard edition of the complete psychological works of Sigmund Freud* (Vol. 18, pp. 7-43). London, England: Hogarth Press. (Original work published 1920) (PEP)

Class 6

Freud, S. (1955). Beyond the pleasure principle (Parts VI-VII). In J. Strachey (Ed. and Trans.), *The standard edition of the complete psychological works of Sigmund Freud* (Vol. 18, pp. 44-64). London, England: Hogarth Press. (Original work published 1920) (PEP)

Class 7

Freud, S. (1961). The economic problem of masochism. In J. Strachey (Ed. and Trans.), *The standard edition of the complete psychological works of Sigmund Freud* (Vol. 19, pp. 157-170). London, England: Hogarth Press. (Original work published 1924) (PEP)

Sternbach, O. (1975). Aggression, the death drive and the problem of sadomasochism: A reinterpretation of Freud's second drive theory. *International Journal of Psychoanalysis*, 56, 321-333. (PEP)

Class 8

Freud, S. (1961) Two classes of instincts. The ego and the id. In J. Strachey (Ed. and Trans.), *The standard edition of the complete psychological works of Sigmund Freud* (Vol. 19, pp. 40-47). London, England: Hogarth Press. (Original work published 1923) (PEP)

Freud, S. (1959). Inhibition, symptoms, and anxiety. In J. Strachey (Ed. and Trans.), *The standard edition of the complete psychological works of Sigmund Freud* (Vol. 20, pp. 157-172). London, England: Hogarth Press. (Original work published 1925-26) (PEP)

Spotnitz, H. (1985). Discovering new truths: How to channel destructivity. *Modern Psychoanalysis*, 10, 5-12. (PEP)

Class 9

Freud, S. (1964). An outline of psycho-analysis (Part I). In J. Strachey (Ed. and Trans.), *The standard edition of the complete psychological works of Sigmund Freud* (Vol. 23, pp. 144-171). London, England: Hogarth Press. (Original work published 1940) (PEP)

Class 10

Freud, S. (1964). An outline of psycho-analysis (Parts II-III). In J. Strachey (Ed. and Trans.), *The standard edition of the complete psychological works of Sigmund Freud* (Vol. 23, pp. 172-207). London, England: Hogarth Press. (Original work published 1940) (PEP)

Class 11

Joseph, B. (1982). Addiction to near-death. *International Journal of Psychoanalysis*, 63, 449-456. (PEP)

Rosenfeld, H. (1971). A clinical approach to the psychoanalytic theory of life and death instincts: An investigation into the aggressive aspects of narcissism. *International Journal of Psychoanalysis*, 52, 169-178. (PEP)

Class 12

- Freud, S. (1964). Analysis terminable and interminable. In J. Strachey (Ed. and Trans.), *The standard edition of the complete psychological works of Sigmund Freud* (Vol. 23, pp. 216-253). London, England: Hogarth Press. (Original work published 1937) (PEP)
- Kelly, S. D. (2017, December 25). Waking up to the gift of 'aliveness.' *The New York Times*. Retrieved from <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/12/25/opinion/aliveness-waking-up-holidays.html>

Additional Readings

- Bergmann, M. (1980). On the intrapsychic function of falling in love. *Psychoanalytic Quarterly*, 49, 56-77. (PEP)
- Brody, S. (1977-78). Psychoanalytic treatment of cancer patients. *Modern Psychoanalysis*, 2, 180-195. (PEP)
- Hoffman, T. (2004). Revival of the death instinct: A view from contemporary biology. *Neuropsychoanalysis*, 6, 63-75. (PEP)
- Kernberg, O. (2009). The concept of the death drive: A clinical perspective. *International Journal of Psychoanalysis*, 90, 1009-1023. (PEP)