ES 471 Therapist as Subject:  
The Writings of Harold Searles  

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Course Description

There has been no more honest witness to the psychotherapist’s experience in intensive psychotherapy than Harold Searles. An early advocate for recognizing the emotional situation of the therapist, Searles stands alone in his capacity to write in compelling ways about his experience and in so doing to offer others the possibility of greater awareness and a greater appreciation of the therapeutic interaction. Searles writings range from his study of the psychological significance of the non-human environment to the emotional experience of the psychotherapist. Searles developed a therapeutic idiom deeply his own.

Requirements

Class participation

Evaluation:

Pass/fail

Course schedule and readings

Week 1


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Week 3


Week 4


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Week 8


Recommended readings:


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