

**OREGON
PSYCHOANALYTIC
CENTER**

THE WORK OF THE NEGATIVE: AN INTRODUCTION TO ANDRE GREEN

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This five week course will explore the negative and specifically “the work of the negative” as conceptualized by the French psychoanalyst, Andre Green. We have all had patients who refuse to live, grow, change or engage. The negative can lead to creativity and expansiveness or to a quest for non existence and destructiveness. The foundation of the work of the negative involves the effects of absence, non presence, the loss of the object and lack and is based on the capacity of the psyche to respond to this absence through the act of representation. Understanding the negative and the work of the negative can help us free our patients from the psychic prisons that trap them (and us) in the treatment.

We will explore and study several of Green’s papers as well as some elaborations of his work by other authors.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Differentiate between positive and negative narcissism
2. Define what is meant by the work of the negative and identify defenses involved.
3. Describe the clinical utility of the idea of failure of representation
4. Identify forms of transference where the unrepresentable predominates and ways of working with them.

**\$250 NON-MEMBERS
\$225 MEMBERS
\$125 RESIDENTS-
INTERNS-GRADUATE
STUDENTS**

INSTRUCTORS: Kathy Reicker, LCSW

DATES: 2/20, 2/27, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19/20

TIME: 7:00 - 8:30 pm at OPC

CMES: 7.5

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