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Psychoanalytic Conversations

This year's Series of Conversations will focus on
Re-Framing Psychoanalysis: New perspectives on our changing clinical situation

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2022

3:30 – 5:30 P.M.

RSVP to admin@laisps.org

The address and access to the suggested readings will be provided upon your registration.

Fee \$25.00

Space is limited and availability is first-come, first-served

Join us at the home of Thomas Helscher and Karen Beard for the first of our new series, "Psychoanalytic Conversations." The last three years of the pandemic have necessitated dramatic changes to the psychoanalytic frame, as we moved suddenly from seeing patients in our offices to working remotely, whether via video or by phone. During this academic year, we will focus on the topic of these changes to the psychoanalytic frame, and how those have affected our clinical work with our patients. In our initial meeting, Thomas Helscher will outline the psychoanalytic frame and the ways our basic assumptions have been challenged and our operating procedures radically and perhaps irrevocably altered by the pandemic, among other recent social upheavals. The premise of this year-long series of conversations with LAISPS's clinicians will be that the recent pandemic and its wrenching alterations of the frame are only the most dramatic and visible of the numerous tectonic shifts psychoanalysis has had to face in the last few decades, as we try to keep up with a rapidly changing world in which issues of gender, sexual orientation, race, and increasing political polarization have forced us to re-examine many of our basic assumptions about and theories underpinning our clinical work.

We will spend the first half hour in informal conversation, gather for an introduction to the topic of the psychoanalytic frame and its meaning and function in pre-pandemic psychoanalytic practice, then discuss the effects of the radical break brought about by the global pandemic. What changes seem temporary and what essential and permanent? Can analysis as we know it survive the loss of two bodies occupying the same space at the same time? What is lost and what is gained in remote or out of the office analytic work? Ideas to be discussed include Jose Bleger's seminal essay on the psychoanalytic frame, in which he distinguishes between the process and non-process (frame) elements of psychoanalysis and Giuseppe Civitarese's work on the setting and its relation to the psychoanalytic process. **These essays will be available to those who RSVP by Thursday, November 10.**

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