

Challenging Neutrality: Sexual and Gender Diversity in Clinical and Institutional Contexts Organized by Esther Hutfless and Bernd Heimerl

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This pre-conference workshop examines psychoanalysis in relation to sexuality and gender from institutional and clinical perspectives. Eija Repo outlines the Finnish Society's public apology for pathologizing theories, and Ewa Glod discusses challenges of integrating gender and sexual diversity into training curricula. Bernd Heimerl presents a clinical vignette of a trans woman, highlighting how neutrality is redefined when faced with embodied gender diversity. The workshop invites reflection on psychoanalysis' ambivalent legacy and on rethinking neutrality as a space for recognition and transformation.

1st part: Theoretical Encounter

1,5 h incl. discussion:

Eija Repo: Transmission of Sexual and Gender Theories in Psychoanalytic Societies – How the Finnish Psychoanalytical Society Ended Up Making a Public Apology to Sexual and Gender Minorities

Ewa Glod: „How sexual and gender diversity is being integrated into psychoanalytic training curricula?“

BREAK 20 min.

2nd Part: Clinical Encounter

1h 10 min incl. discussion

Bernd Heimerl: »When I touch my penis and then my breasts, it's like I'm split in two. It's as if I'm a different person in my genital area with a different history than in my upper body«