

Power vs Otherness. How Neutrality protects the relationship from desires for domination.

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Abstract Content (EN)

The panel proposed by our committee will begin with the presentation of a central paper, which will serve as a basis for discussion.

Presenter Dr. Cordioli takes her inspiration from the Putnam-Freud controversy on the legitimacy of analysts' moralising intentions towards patients and she reflects on the relationship between neutrality and power during sessions. A clinical excerpt will help to keep in mind the destructive aspects that the exercise of power can cause in the psyche. Dr. Amir and Dr Hutfless will lead the discussions about the delicacy and depth of a truly 'neutral attitude towards the encounter with queer patients. In our considerations on neutrality, we address the need to investigate the will for power that can pervert the analytical apparatus from its very foundations.