Hans Loewald and the Emergence of Contemporary Freudian Psychoanalysis (G89.4580)

This one-credit course will examine Hans Loewald’s writings and their influence on contemporary psychoanalytic theory and practice. Loewald’s role as both an extender and modifier of tradition, a “radical conservative,” will be explored. While firmly rooted in Freudian theory and the structural model, Loewald’s work will be viewed as providing a platform for considering interaction with others as constitutive of mind. Loewald’s seminal contributions to the theory of therapeutic action, adding the analyst as a new object to traditional views of transference and repetition, will be explored. The seminar will include contemporary appraisals, appreciations, and critiques of Loewald’s work and provide clinical material influenced by his contributions.

Week 1: Introduction to Loewald’s Work


Weeks 2 & 3: Internalization


Weeks 4 & 5: Therapeutic Action


**Week 6: Instinct Theory and Object Relations**


**Week 7: The Oedipus Complex**


**Week 8: Loewald’s Psychoanalytic Vision**
