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Saturday, November 9th, 2019, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
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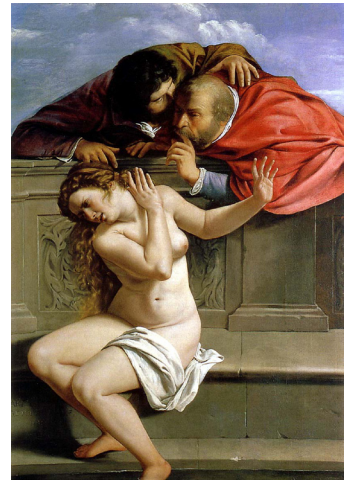
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51ST SCIENTIFIC SESSION

Limit consent; asymmetries of power, passibility, and the infantile sexual



Presented by
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Discussant
David Dorenbaum, MD

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The #MeToo movement brought the notion of *affirmative* consent to the cultural forefront. Affirmative consent promises to help us navigate difficulties with power differentials, thereby insulating against trauma and drafting the conditions for satisfying sexual experiences.

This particular notion of consent, though, makes little psychoanalytic sense. It does not acknowledge that desire is oftentimes unconscious, and unconsciously conflicted. Further, desire is not pre-formed, simply awaiting for the conditions for its fulfillment, but arises in relational contexts. Last, affirmative consent cultivates the fantasy that one can anticipate ahead of time the unknowns of an encounter yet to materialize.

This presentation introduces a psychoanalytically informed way of thinking about consent, *limit consent*, to offer a nuanced perspective regarding intimate encounters involving power asymmetries-sexual encounters but also the psychoanalytic one. Using Laplanche's work, I will discuss how limit consent extends beyond the rational and the conscious, rousing rogue sexual forces (Stein) that are always already contoured through power relations (Dimen). Limit consent is especially helpful in considering power differentials kept in place by historical conditions and which are lent structural and institutional support (e.g. race, gender). An example will help illustrate some of these ideas.

Learning Objectives

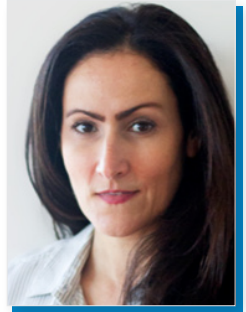
At the end of the session participants will be able:

1. Participants will be able to list four psychoanalytic impasses in the concept of affirmative consent.
2. Participants will be able to discuss the concept of limit consent and its relation to the infantile sexual.
3. Participants will be able to explain why limit consent is a clinical concept that is more responsive to thinking about (structural) power asymmetries and about the sexual.

This event is an accredited group learning activity (section 1) as defined by the Maintenance of Certification Program of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, and approved by the Canadian Psychiatric Association (CPA). The specific opinions and content of this event are not necessarily those of the CPA, and are the responsibility of the organizer(s) alone.

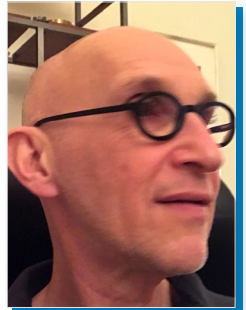
Avgi Saketopoulou, PhD

Avgi Saketopoulou, PhD completed her training at the New York University Postdoctoral Program in Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis. She is on the faculty at the NYU Postdoctoral Program, the William Allanson White Institute, the New York Psychoanalytic Institute, the Stephen Mitchell Relational Center and the National Institute for the Psychotherapies in NYC, where she teaches courses on gender and sexuality. She serves on the editorial boards of *Psychoanalytic Dialogues*, *Journal of the American Psychoanalytic Association (JAPA)*, *The Psychoanalytic Quarterly*, and *Studies in Gender and Sexuality (SGS)*. She has received several prizes including the Ruth Stein prize, the Ralph Roughton award, the Symonds essay prize, and the annual JAPA essay prize. She writes about sexuality, normative and variant genders, the relationship between psychic representation and the social, and is interested in the enigmatics of consent.



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