

*FREE public talks on psychoanalytic ideas by Canadian psychoanalysts with an open discussion about their impact on our lives today.*



## Freud Café Canada:

### Life and Death in the Metaverse



**Saturday, November 18, 2023**

**1:00 to 2:30 p.m. (ET) / 10:00 to 11:30am (PT)**

*A free online event available via Zoom. Pre-registration is required.*

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Freud formulated the "reality principle" prior to the invention of the various digital technologies that are now instrumental in re-shaping our lives. Today, the range of responses to emerging technologies, such as virtual reality and AI, runs the gamut. While many are pessimistic or skeptical that these will improve human life, others are highly enthusiastic, going so far as to claim that they will enable us to enjoy endless happiness and even to live forever. This talk will draw on the psychoanalytic concept of the *reality principle* to shed light on the ways in which we respond to the technological transformation of our time.

Join us for a discussion with psychoanalyst, **Bradley Murray**, DPhil, MEd, FIPA, who has taught in the philosophy department at the University of British Columbia and the psychology program at the University of Guelph-Humber. His research and 2015 publication, *The Possibility of Culture: Pleasure and Moral Development in Kant's Aesthetics* (Wiley-Blackwell) focus on issues at the intersection of psychoanalysis, philosophy and digital culture.

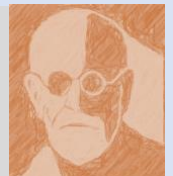
with **Vivienne Pasieka**, psychoanalyst, moderating



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