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## Freud Café Canada

### Bethune's Concern: the Fascist in Us

*A talk by Dominique Scarfone*

**Saturday, September 20, 2025**

**12:30 to 2:00 p.m. (ET) / 9:30 to 11:00am (PT)**

*This is a free online event via Zoom. Pre-registration is required.*

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A comment reportedly made by Canadian surgeon Norman Bethune while attending a meeting on the theme of fascism during Mao Zedong's Long March – "*The fascist that worries me most is the one I carry inside me!*" – prompted Canadian psychoanalyst Dominique Scarfone to ponder: What can psychoanalysis discern in the human psyche that makes so many people responsive to far-right ideology?

Join us for an illuminating talk and open discussion on the topic!

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*with Vivienne Pasieka PhD, psychoanalyst, moderating*



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