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## Freud Café Canada

### Proust and Psychoanalysis:

A Psychoanalytic Understanding of Memory and Space in Marcel Proust's Novel

**Saturday, February 21, 2026**

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

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

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Marcel Proust's *In Search of Lost Time* has for decades been the subject of interdisciplinary inquiry. The novel's central themes - time, love, memory, and art - have drawn the attention of scholars from diverse fields. Within the narrative, spaces often function as containers of past memories, while concrete locations and vivid images serve as witnesses to his remembrance of things past. Through the exploration of three involuntary memories in the novel, we will examine through a psychoanalytic lens the role of space in relation to time.

Join us for a lively discussion!

**María Verónica Laguna** is a psychoanalytic psychotherapist, educator, and clinical supervisor based in Uruguay. Her interdisciplinary work, informed by over a decade of clinical and social work experience in New York City, bridges continents and communities. María lectures internationally on social work, critical psychology, migration, and intersectionality. She is the founder of [The Bicultural Collective](#), an initiative supporting bicultural individuals and clinicians, and she leads [Psychoanalysis and Social Justice](#), a collaborative database curating events and resources at the intersection of clinical practice and activism.

**Rajiv Kaushik** is a senior candidate at the Toronto Institute of Psychoanalysis and a full professor of philosophy. His work focuses on the phenomenology of Maurice Merleau-Ponty, on whom he has published four books. He is currently writing a book on reverie. He is also a General Editor of *Chiasmi International* and General Secretary of the International Merleau-Ponty Circle.

with **Vivienne Pasieka PhD**, psychoanalyst, moderating



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