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The Psychoanalytic Studies Program (PSP) of the ICLS presents

Radical Psychoanalysis: Laplanche in America

Gila Ashtor in conversation with **Elaine Zickler**

Moderated by **Adele Tutter**, Director, PSP

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This event will be virtual. Registration is required. Pre-register here:

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Jean Laplanche is one of the leading theorists in French psychoanalytic thought, but his writing has only recently been translated into English; thus, his theories remain largely underrepresented in American psychoanalytic discourse. **Gila Ashtor's** *Exigent Psychoanalysis, The Interventions of Jean Laplanche* (Routledge, 2021) represents an important contribution to a new wave of American scholarship that explicates Laplanche's contributions for Anglophone readers. In conversation with **Elaine Zickler**, **Ashtor** demonstrates how Laplanche's radical innovations offer an critical and provocative alternative to the dominant strands of psychoanalysis in North America, drawing lines between his theories; his critique of Freud; affect and queer theories; and the fractious development of American psychoanalysis.

Gila Ashtor, PhD, LP is a critical theorist, psychoanalyst and writer. Her areas of academic and clinical expertise are trauma, affective disorders, identity, and sexuality. In addition to *Exigent Psychoanalysis*, she is the author of *Homo Psyche: On Queer Theory and Erotophobia* (Fordham UP, 2021) and an experimental memoir, *Aural History* (Punctum, 2020). She teaches at Columbia University and the Institute for Psychoanalytic Training and Research (IPTAR), and is in private practice in New York.

Elaine Zickler, PhD, LCSW is a psychoanalyst and doctorate in English Literature on the faculty of the Psychoanalytic Center of Philadelphia (PCP), where she has been teaching the work of Laplanche in connection with courses on Psychoanalysis and Homosexuality; Gender and Sexuality; French Psychoanalysis; Freud's Metapsychological Papers; and a Master Class on Laplanche. She is in private practice in Moorestown, NJ.

The Columbia University Psychoanalytic Studies Program (PSP) encourages the exploration of the rich interface between psychoanalytic thought, the fine arts, and the humanities and social sciences. The PSP offers a Certificate in Psychoanalytic Studies for students in the Columbia University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. Contact Adele Tutter (atutter@mac.com) for information.