

The Psychoanalytic Studies Program at  
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# Captive minds? Psychoanalytic thought, politics, and hidden persuasion in the post-war 'Free World.'

October 19, 2022 at 5:30pm

A talk with Daniel Pick  
(Birkbeck, University of London)

A response by Ben Kafka  
(Weill Cornell Medical College)

Moderated by Adele Tutter  
(Director - Psychoanalytic Studies Program)

Presenter: Daniel Pick PhD, is Professor of History at Birkbeck, University of London, and a practicing psychoanalyst whose books include *Brainwashed: A New History of Thought Control* (2022), *Faces of Degeneration: A European Disorder, 1848-1918* (1989), *Svengali's Web: The Alien Enchanter in Modern Culture* (2000), *The Pursuit of the Nazi Mind: Hitler, Hess, and the Analysts* (2012), *Psychoanalysis: A Very Short Introduction* (2015), and, as co-editor, *Psychoanalysis in the Age of Totalitarianism* (2016). Dr. Pick is also an historical consultant and frequent contributor to the BBC.

Discussant: Ben Kafka, Ph.D., L.P., is a psychoanalyst on the faculty of NYU's Department of Media, Culture, and Communication, and the faculty of the Institute for Psychoanalytic Training and Research in New York (IPTAR). In 2022-23 he will be a Visiting Fellow at the Dewitt-Wallace Institute of Psychiatry at Weill Cornell Medical College. Author of *The Demon of Writing: Powers and Failures of Paperwork* (2012), he is currently working on a book about the interpersonal and organizational dynamics that drive us crazy.



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