

# LINKING FIELD THEORY AND SYSTEMS PSYCHODYNAMICS TO ENHANCE LEADERSHIP:

## Exploring Our Complex Identities and Finding Social Resonance in Turbulent Times

**10-WEEK ADVANCED LEADERSHIP SEMINAR**  
**THURSDAYS | OCT 9, 2025 – DEC 18, 2025 | VIRTUAL**  
**10:30 AM - 1:30 PM ET | 2:30 PM - 5:30 PM GMT**

# AGENDA

Developed by the Department  
of Psychoanalytic Education  
Council for Leadership and  
Organizational Studies



Date & Time	Topic	CE	Presenters
<b>Week 1</b> October 9, 2025  10:30 – 1:30 PM	<b>Systems Psychodynamics and Field Theory Perspectives on Leadership</b>  1) Describe individual and collective efforts, particularly in the face of hate and human destructiveness, how to be more inclusive, more open in their thinking, and equitable in sharing power; 2) Demonstrate greater emotional readiness, containment, self-reflection, and social resonance in the context of leadership challenges.	3	Paula Christian-Kliger, Ph.D., ABPP  James W. Barron, Ph.D., ABPP
<b>Week 2</b> October 16, 2025  10:30 – 11:30 AM	<b>Othering, Compulsion to Repeat, and Human Destructiveness</b>  *Short Film <i>*No CE/CME for this hour</i>	0	Paula Christian-Kliger, Ph.D., ABPP
11:30 – 1:30 PM	1) Describe the powerful force of repetition of patterns of othering and destructiveness across generations, cultures, race, and belief systems; 2) Demonstrate self-analytic function leading to greater emotional readiness, attunement, and social resonance.	2	James W. Barron, Ph.D., ABPP
<b>Week 3</b> October 23, 2025  10:30 – 1:30 PM	<b>Complex Identities of Immigrants and Refugees</b>  1) Explain the psychological formation of the Model Minority role in Asians as a way of survival in an anti-Asian American context; 2) Describe how to navigate the bureaucratic complexity of large organization to implement community-based, trauma-informed mental health initiatives.	3	Mona Jain, M.D.  Kris Yi, Ph.D., Psy.D.
<b>Week 4</b> October 30, 2025  10:30 – 1:30 PM	<b>Asian American Analyst and European American Candidate in Dialogue: Exploring Experiences of Racism and Othering Across Cultures Through Pride and Shame</b>  1) Differentiate between 'othering' and 'minoritization' and how to approach each issue during sessions; 2) Analyze the interplay of pride and shame in relation to cultural identity and experiences of racism, fostering a deeper understanding of these emotions.	3	Himanshu Agrawal, M.D., DFAPA  Konstantinos Taliouridis, Ph.D., Psy.D., MBA

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<b>Week 5</b> November 6, 2025  10:30 – 1:30 PM	<b>Living and Working in a Turbulent World</b>  1) Demonstrating and analyzing the various forms in which social and group-dynamic factors manifest will increase participants awareness and prepare them to identify their impact; 2) Identify and define how othering and hatred undermines their capacity as psychotherapists and psychoanalysts, as well as that of the people undergoing treatment, to attain greater awareness and insight of internal conflicts and destructive tendencies in need of resolution.	3	Mira Erlich-Ginor, M.A.  Shmuel Erlich, PhD.
<b>Week 6</b> November 13, 2025  10:30 – 1:30 PM	<b>Leadership Challenges in a Polarized Context: Application to Organizations &amp; Societies</b>  1) Recognize how leadership was exercised in a seriously polarized group and identify leadership lessons that can be applied in similar contexts; 2) Analyze the dynamics of polarized organizations and social conflicts.	3	Gerard Fromm, Ph.D.  Harriet L. Wolfe, M.D.
<b>Week 7</b> November 20, 2025  10:30 – 1:30 PM	<b>Leadership and Group Relations Perspectives on Racism</b>  1) Explain how two concepts presented and discussed in this session help participants observe and analyze manifestations of internalized racism at the individual level and systemic racism at the group organizational level; 2) Describe how their experience in the experiential self-study group enhanced leadership capacities of attunement and social resonance.	3	Samuel P. Wyche, D.O.  Kathleen Pogue White, Ph.D.
<b>Week 8</b> December 4, 2025  10:30 – 1:30 PM	<b>Contemporary Psychoanalytic Perspectives on Gender and Sexuality</b>  1) Analyze the historical, theoretical, and cultural contexts that shaped Freud's theory of bisexuality as well as the unnecessary medical treatment of intersex infants and children;  2) Describe how an intersectional approach to psychoanalysis and psychotherapy that takes into account diverse genders and sexualities can inform and deepen clinical work.	3	Jack Drescher, M.D.  Sien Rivera, M.D.
<b>Week 9</b> December 11, 2025  10:30 – 1:30 PM	<b>Unseen Structures: Race, Class, and Collective Trauma in a Carceral Setting</b>  1) Describe some of the intersecting factors acting on individuals and groups in a carceral setting, how they shape the social system of such institutions, and how these patterns reflect the normalized society we are all a part of; 2) Identify ways this kind of social system can provide insights in working with individuals, groups, and institutions that are part of participants' everyday practices.	3	Tom Hennes, Principal Thinc Design  Barbara Bethea, PhD, PTR, LCAT, CASAC.
<b>Week 10</b> December 18, 2025  10:30 – 1:30 PM	<b>Racism, Rupture, Mourning, and Repair</b>  1) Examine their own multiple complex identities and become more open to recognize complexity in individuals, groups, organizations and communities at large; 2) Demonstrate enhanced leadership skills of self-reflection, emotional readiness and engagement, capacity for collaboration and social resonance, and openness to more equitably sharing power.	3	James W. Barron, Ph.D., ABPP  Paula Christian-Kliger, Ph.D., ABPP
<b>Total CE/CME available: 29</b>			