

# Psychoanalytic Understandings of Poverty: The Importance of Context and Gender

Sunday, November 14, 2021  
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm EST

Via Zoom



Speakers: **Patricia Gherovici, PhD and Jhuma Basak, PhD**

Discussant: Anne Adelman, PhD

Opening and Closing remarks: Margarita Cerejido, PhD

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**Presentations:**

**Patricia Gherovici, PhD, "Poverty: Text or Context?"**

Using clinical vignettes from my practice in Philadelphia's Latinx Barrio as a psychoanalyst working with disenfranchised populations struggling with poverty and racism, I will touch on issues of racial and linguistic identification marked by the history of colonialism. I try to show how psychoanalysis can offer a certain way of undoing the effects of segregation. I will analyze the clinical material to introduce a first concept, Freud's "narcissism of minor differences," and move to a metapsychology of hate. Finally, I contend that to start tackling the complexity of structural racism we need be able to account for the pleasure gain provided by unconscious racism

**Jhuma Basak, PhD, “When 'poverty' Encounters Psychoanalysis - A 'poor' Indian Perspective.”**

Psychoanalysis in India dawned amidst the turmoil of India’s pre-independence era and colonial weightage, problematizing its very birth as a ‘foreign import’ that was pronounced in an equally ‘foreign language’ (English), which added to the already implanted seeds of cultural imperialism brought in by colonialism. Here is the epitome of the problem — psychoanalysis arrives from the ‘west’ that commercializes the value of human affects in a land that essentially suffered from economic impoverishment and starvation. The intent of this paper is to reinstate psychoanalysis amidst the volatile socio-economic context of India that will help to re-examine/pragmatize its conceptual/clinical practices in India along with its reflection from the perspective of gender and culture of contemporary times.

**Who should attend?**

The program is extended to all mental health providers and students from the Washington Baltimore metropolitan area and beyond (since it’s virtual), interested in in psychoanalytic perspectives.

**Learning Objectives:**

- 1) Upon completion of this activity, participants will be able to identify common prejudices psychotherapists have about working with economically disadvantaged people.
- 2) Upon completion of this activity, participants will be able to explain the relevance of cultural context in understanding poverty.
- 3) Upon completion of this activity, participants will be able to identify two ways in which gender affects people’s experience of poverty.

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No-Fee: WBCP/CFS Students (3CME/CE credits)

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## Presenters:



### **Jhuma Basak, PhD**

Jhuma Basak is a Training and Supervising Psychoanalyst of the Indian Psychoanalytical Society, and PhD in Psychology from the Kyushu University, Fukuoka, Japan. She has been the Co-Chair of Asia COWAP-IPA (committee on women & psychoanalysis, 2017-2021), and organized the first 2-COWAP international conferences in Kolkata, India. Currently, Co-Chair, of the Independent New Groups (ING) and IPSO & IPA Relations Committee (IIRC). Basak pursued her interest in psychoanalysis with specific emphasis in culture, women, & gender. Currently she is the co-editor of the book “Psychoanalytic & Socio-Cultural Perspectives on Women in India”, Pub. Taylor & Francis Group.



### **Patricia Gherovici, PhD**

Patricia Gherovici, PhD is a recipient of the 2020 Sigourney Award for her clinical and scholarly work with Latinx and gender variant communities. She is co-founder and director of the Philadelphia Lacan Group and Associate Faculty, Psychoanalytic Studies Minor, University of Pennsylvania (PSYS), Honorary Member at IPTAR, and Founding Member of Das Unbehagen. Her single-authored books include “The Puerto Rican Syndrome” (Other Press: 2003) winner of the Gradiva Award and the Boyer Prize, “Please Select Your Gender: From the Invention of Hysteria to the Democratizing of Transgenderism” (Routledge: 2010) and “Transgender Psychoanalysis: A Lacanian Perspective on Sexual Difference” (Routledge: 2017).



### **Anne Adelman, PhD**

Anne Adelman, PhD, is a Teaching and Training Analyst with the Washington Baltimore Center for Psychoanalysis and a Teaching Analyst with the Contemporary Freudian Society. She is the Co-Editor of JAPA Review of Books, and co-chair of New Directions in Writing Program. She maintains a private practice in clinical psychology and psychoanalysis in Chevy Chase, MD.



## Margarita Cerejido, PhD

Margarita Cerejido, PhD, is a Training and Supervising Analyst and Faculty Member of the Washington Baltimore Center for Psychoanalysis. She has written and taught on the areas of gender, culture, and prejudice. Recent publications include: “What Do Women Want Today?” (with Ellman and Goodman), forthcoming Routledge 2022, and “Changing Notions of the Feminine; Challenging the Psychoanalyst’s Prejudices”, Karnac 2018. She organizes the Culture Competence and

Psychoanalysis conference at the Washington Baltimore Center for Psychoanalysis. She is the North America Co-Chair of the Committee of Women and Psychoanalysis (COWAP) at the International Psychoanalytical Association. She is in private practice in Washington, DC.

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