



SATURDAY 22ND JANUARY

The Roots of Misogyny

10:00am | Introduction from Chair, **Ruth McCall**

10:15am | Reflection on Misogyny, **Dr Renee Danziger**

This paper begins by examining some contemporary enactments of misogyny before moving on to consider the role of the unconscious in the creation of misogynous fantasies and wishes. Taking a Winnicottian perspective, it focuses on the young infant's loss of the illusion of omnipotence as he begins to recognise that mother is a separate being who does not (cannot) always respond immediately to his every need. Where this process of coming to terms with reality is disturbed, the individual may be left with a deep sense of fear, and later hatred, for mother/woman. Although this is by no means the only influence on the individual's evolving psyche, the paper suggests that disturbance in this early stage of development can contribute significantly to a later proclivity for misogyny.

11:15am | Online Misogyny, Psychoanalysis and Male Bodies, **Prof Jacob Johanssen**

Drawing on his recently published book, this talk discusses some online male incel communities of the so-called manosphere (a collection of misogynist groups, websites and fora). Based on Freud, I develop the notion of dis-inhibition. I argue that the men of the manosphere present contradictory thoughts, desires and fantasies about women which include but also go beyond misogyny. They are in a state of dis/inhibition: torn between (un)conscious forces and fantasies which erupt and are defended against. Dis/inhibition shows itself in self-victimization and defensive apathy as well as toxic agency and expresses itself in desire for and hatred of other bodies. He shows how sexuality, racism and images of the white male body shape the fantasies of many men on the internet and beyond.

12.30pm | *Break*

1:30pm | Care, Hate, Gender: Revisiting the case of Harold Shipman, **Prof Lisa Baraitser**

Working through a history of psychoanalytic and feminist theorising of maternal ambivalence, including the ambivalent figure of the mother in culture and in psychoanalytic theory itself, this talk will take up the relation between care and violence to try to understand how care can both become violent, and provoke violence against women. Returning to the case of Harold Shipman, the serial killer whose victims were largely older women, through a reading of Chris Wilson's recent 2020 documentary, this talk will centre on the relation between care, violence and misogyny.

2:30pm | **Prof Susie Orbach** and **Prof Kate Manne** 'Two Voices' a dialogue on Misogyny

This will be an open discussion between these leaders in the field.

3:30pm | Panel Chair **Anuradha Menon**

Panel - Rosanna Lewis, Ruth McCall, Jacob Johanssen, Marika Mckennell, Susie Orbach & Kate Mann

4:30pm | *END OF DAY*