The School of Psychotherapy at St. Vincent’s University Hospital in conjunction with UCD School of Medicine present

A Public Lecture

The Soul of Narcissism

by Dr. Christian Fierens (Brussels)

Saturday 28th September 2019, 10 – 12 in the Old Lecture Theatre,

St. Vincent’s University Hospital, Elm Park, Dublin 4

In his recently translated book *The Soul of Narcissism* Dr. Fierens proposes a radically new reading of the term narcissism which allows us to move on from the questionable habit of using it in so-called clinical practice moralistically to censure.

Narcissism is neither an intuition nor a concept which gathers under it ‘assured clinical facts’. Rather it is a condition necessary for the possibility of reflexion required not only for the emergence of anything we might term personality but also for subjectivity. Dr. Fierens argues that ‘the subject is an effect of love and narcissism’.

In an age that promotes well-being and self-care while also pathologizing narcissistic character traits Dr. Fierens argues that narcissism is an essential term in the reflexion in Sigmund Freud’s work which provides a methodology both for the founder of psychoanalysis as well as for contemporary practitioners in the essential elaboration of clinical practice and theory.

To register interest in attending and for any further details e-mail: info@tsop.ie

This is a free event hosted by The School of Psychotherapy at St. Vincent’s University Hospital

Qualifies for 2 External CPD points from the College of Psychiatrists of Ireland

Dr Christian Fierens practices psychoanalysis in Belgium. He is a psychiatrist and a doctor of psychology; He has published a number of books including Lecture de l'Étourdit (2002) and Le discours psychanalytique [both translated by Cormac Gallagher on www.lacanireland.com as Reading L’Étourdit and The Psychoanalytic Discourse respectively]. His L’âme du narcissisme was published in 2016) and Lecture du sinthome in 2018.