

The dynamics of trauma. Narrative therapeutic strategies

Elective Course – Fall 2026

Conf. dr. Daniela Cârstea
daniela.carstea@lils.unibuc.ro

ABRIDGED SCHEDULE

WEEK 1: Introduction to the course

PART ONE: THEORIZING TRAUMA & EVIL

WEEK 2: Freud on individual trauma

WEEK 3: Hegel and Kierkegaard on individual trauma

WEEK 4: Partial cognizance and delayed inscription in the discourse of trauma. Low-level trauma (Caruth, Lifton and the representations of dread)

WEEK 5: (Banal) evil. Desubjectivization (Agamben, Arendt)

PART TWO: TRANSFORMATIONS. STRATEGIES OF TRAUMA CONTAINMENT

WEEK 6: Working through & postmemory (Marianne Hirsch, Nicola King)

WEEK 7: Storytelling and aestheticism. Limits to the redemption of truth (Arendt)

WEEK 8: Trauma, evil and relational psychoanalysis (Klein, Winnicott)

WEEK 9: On reparation and forgiveness (Klein, Arendt, Marion, Derrida, Yalom)

PART THREE: LITERARY TESTIMONIALS TO TRAUMA. NARRATIVE THERAPEUTIC STRATEGIES

WEEKS 10, 11: Reverberations of trauma studies in 20thC British war literature and Romanian literature of the communist era

WEEKS 12, 13: Trauma narratives as a psychological genre

WEEK 14: Final assessment: **WRITTEN EXAM**