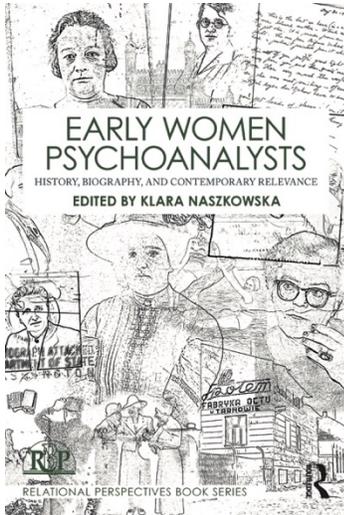


EARLY WOMEN PSYCHOANALYSTS

14-week course

with Dr. Klara Naszkowska & Dr. Ana Tomčić



Step into the untold history of extraordinary women who helped shape the foundations of psychoanalysis. Drawing from her anthology *Early Women Psychoanalysts: History, Biography, and Contemporary Relevance*, Klara Naszkowska will first resurrect biographies of remarkable pioneers who worked across Europe before World War II, revealing how their groundbreaking contributions to the nascent field of psychoanalysis were systematically erased from the historical record. She will weave together intimate biographical portraits with the turbulent socio-political landscape of early 20th-century Europe. Each biography will unfold against the backdrop of women's expanding educational opportunities, rising autocracies, forced migrations, and the complex dynamics of Jewish identity in a changing world. You'll discover how these trailblazing women navigated the intersections of gender, religion, politics, and professional ambition during one of history's most transformative periods.

In the second part of each meeting, Ana Tomčić will lead an in-depth reading group exploration of these women's contributions to psychoanalysis through exploration of their published theoretical and clinical work. In this way, we will get to know these women more deeply, to learn what was on their minds and what was important to them, as well as to further appreciate their remarkable contributions to the development of psychoanalysis. While their contributions are wide-ranging, we will focus on child analysis, play therapy, linguistics, theories of femininity, female sexuality, motherhood, mother-infant relationships, Holocaust studies, technique, and training.

The course will focus on Sabina Spielrein, Margarethe Hilferding, Ludwika Karpińska-Woyczyńska, Hermine Hug-Hellmuth, Lou Andreas Salomé, Judith Kestenberg, Vilma Kovács, Clara Happel, Helene Deustch, Barbara Low, Eugenia Sokolnicka, Alberta Szalita, among other women pioneers of psychoanalysis.

Meeting times

Fourteen consecutive Wednesdays, January 21 through May 6, 2026 (No class on March 11 and April 1)
11:30am–1:00pm ET

Location: Online course via Zoom

Course fee

It is our belief that financial need should not prevent anyone from learning. Please email klara.nasz@gmail.com to discuss reduced fees and scholarships.

\$1,400 / €1,200 / £1,060 for licensed therapists

\$1,200 / €1,040 / £910 for pre-licensed therapists and training candidates

\$700 / €600 / £530 for students

Please also reach out if you are interested in attending a selection of meetings.

Registration

To register, please email klara.nasz@gmail.com or go to [Eventbrite](#)

Registration closes on January 21, 2026.

Course fee is fully refundable until 15 days before the first class, after which time no refunds will be issued.

Course materials

Primary text: Naszkowska, K. (Ed.) (2024). *Early Women Psychoanalysts. History, Biography, and Contemporary Relevance*, Routledge.

Please use code 25AFLY3 at checkout for 20% discount at: <https://www.routledge.com/Early-Women-Psychoanalysts-History-Biography-and-Contemporary-Relevance/Naszkowska/p/book/9781032595351>

All other materials will be provided.

Instructor credentials



Klara Naszkowska, PhD (she/her) is an educator, research scholar, and writer engaged in spaces where the history of Jewish women, psychoanalysis, Nazi persecution, migration, and memory, intersect. She is a professor of Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies at Montclair State University, NJ. Her work resurrects the biographies of women who had made major contributions to the field of psychoanalysis in Europe and the U.S. and yet had been erased from historical narrative. It has been recognized with the Fulbright Fellowship, the Harvard Radcliffe Institute's Schlesinger Library Grant, and the Leo Baeck Institute's Gerald Westheimer Career Development Fellowship. Klara serves as the Founding Director of the [International Association for Spielrein Studies](#) and the Civic Engagement and Voting Rights Teacher Scholar sponsored by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. She is currently researching and writing the biography of Clara Happel (forthcoming in Routledge, 2027).



Ana Tomčić, PhD is a cultural historian and trainee at the Society for Social and Critical Psychoanalysis in Cornwall, UK. She is a postdoctoral researcher with the project *Psychoanalysis for the People: Progressive Histories, Collective Practices and Implications for our Times* that investigates the history and contemporary practice of free and low-cost psychoanalytic clinics in the UK, South America and Central Europe. In her work and research, Ana is especially interested in the roles of gender and class in psychoanalysis. She aims to offer low-cost analysis herself, while also looking at the ways in which psychoanalysis' gendered and classed perspectives have informed and misinformed psychoanalytic theories. She is currently finishing a book *Rethinking Progress: Psychoanalysis, Modernism and Queer Development* that looks at theories of individual and social development in the work of 20th-psychoanalysts, modernist queer writers and filmmakers.

Please don't hesitate to contact Klara with any questions, suggestions or concerns at klara.nasz@gmail.com

Please circulate the above flyer to anyone you feel may be interested in this course.