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PRESENTS  
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Addressing Sociocultural Context in Psychotherapy From a Psychoanalytic Perspective  

Abstract: This presentation highlights psychoanalytic understandings of sociocultural context in psychotherapy, and calls for a systematic inclusion of cultural competence as a core emphasis of psychoanalytic psychotherapy. Specific approaches to cultural competence in practice, such as the recognition of social oppression and the complexity of cultural identifications, will be discussed.  

Learning Objectives: After this intermediate/advanced presentation, participants will be able to:  
1. Identify ways in which the sociocultural context of the client and the therapist influence conceptualizations of health and pathology in development.  
2. Recognize how psychoanalytic theory informs and deepens an understanding of sociocultural context in psychotherapy.  
3. Describe specific ways in which therapists’ challenges and privileges can influence the therapeutic relationship, particularly transference and counter-transference.  

Biography: Usha Tummala-Narra, Ph.D. is Assistant Professor in Counseling Psychology at Boston College, and in independent practice in Cambridge, MA. Her research concerns acculturation, race, and mental health issues among immigrant and ethnic minority communities. She presents nationally and has published numerous articles and book chapters culturally informed psychodynamic psychotherapy.  

References:  

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