

Max Weber, Sigmund Freud, Charismatic Power, and Political Leadership

2018 Franz Alexander Lecture

Presented by Peter Loewenberg, PhD

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8 - 10 PM

2 CE Credits

pre-registration preferred



Psychoanalysis is a social science as well as a humanistic, hermeneutic and a psychological science. Dr. Loewenberg compares the lives and thought of two great Central European shapers of modern culture, Sigmund Freud (1856- 1939), creator of psychoanalysis, and Max Weber (1864-1920), founder of modern interpretive comparative sociology. Weber was a contemporary of Freud who was the shaper of social science method. Dr. Loewenberg explores their lives and insights on leadership, political power and domination and applies their insights to empirical leadership functions in the current world.

Learning Objectives

As a result of attending this session, participants should be able to:

- Describe the theoretical contributions of Weber and Freud as they apply to leadership, political power, and domination
- Examine the nature of charismatic leadership in the political process and accepted empirical leadership functions in the current world
- Explain how Weber's analysis of the Protestant ethic interface with Freudian psychodynamics

Peter Loewenberg, PhD, is Professor Emeritus of History and Political Psychology at UCLA. He is a Training and Supervising Analyst and former Dean of the New Center for Psychoanalysis. He was elected North American Representative on the International Psychoanalytic Association (IPA) Board. He Chaired the IPA China Committee, 2007-2013. He is the author of many publications, including *Decoding the Past: the Psychohistorical Approach* (1996) and *Fantasy and Reality in History* (1995). He is Editor (with Nellie Thompson) of *100 Years of the IPA (1910-2010)* (2011). He was elected an Honorary Member of the German Psychoanalytic Association (DPV), was the Sir Peter Ustinov Visiting Professor at the University of Vienna, and received the Nevitt Sanford Award for his professional contributions to the field of Political Psychology. He served as Chair of the Committee on Research and Special Training of the American Psychoanalytic Association. Winner of the first Edith Sabshin Award "for

excellence in teaching psychoanalytic concepts" in 1999, he is also the recipient of Fulbright, Social Science Research Council, American Council of Learned Societies, National Endowment for the Humanities, Guggenheim, Rockefeller, Austrian Ministry of Education, Pro Helvetia, and Max Planck Institute für Geschichte fellowships and many other honors.

Pricing

General admission: \$40 with CE Credit, \$20 without CE Credit
NCP member discount: \$20 with CE credit

Free for Clinical Associates, interns, residents and students

History of Franz Alexander Lecture

Since the death of Franz Alexander in 1964, an annual lecture has been established in his memory. Born in Hungary in 1891, analyzed by Hans Sachs and trained in Berlin, and director of the Chicago Institute for 25 years, Franz Alexander came to Los Angeles in 1956 to become the first director of the Department of Psychiatry at Mount Sinai Hospital and a supervising and training analyst at the Southern California Psychoanalytic Institute and Society. He remained until his death a towering figure in psychoanalysis and psychiatry. His writings cover a broad range of topics (e.g., history of psychiatry and psychoanalysis, the neurotic character, psychosomatic medicine, the corruptible superego and new ideas in psychoanalytic technique associated with a "corrective emotional experience").

Over the years, many distinguished analytic thinkers and contributors have made presentations as the Lectureship appointee for the year. They include Therese Benedek, Leo Rangell, Harold Searles, Otto Kernberg, Herbert Rosenfeld, Wilfred Bion, Arnold Goldberg, Robert Langs, Robert Lifton, Michael Franz Basch, Joyce McDougal, Merton Gill, Robert Wallerstein, Jacob Arlow, Robert Emde, Ethel Spector Person, Nancy McWilliams, Christopher Bollas, Morris Eagle, Robert Stolorow, James Grotstein and Mark Solms.

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