

MATERNAL SEMINARS FOR THE SPRING TERM 2012

Thursday, February 9 at 7.30 pm (please note that this seminar is starting earlier due to the longer duration of the film)

Lakis Georghiou

The Curious Case of the Marginalised Mother

I shall be screening the Oscar winning film 'Kramer versus Kramer' which celebrates the father/son bond but interestingly at the expense of the mother.

I wish to pose the question:

What is at stake for men and women in their meeting as father and mother and what does the maternal mean for a man in the development of his role as father?

How does a patriarchal Hollywood and culture reinforce familial stereotypes and where does our appetite sit in relation to this?

Thursday, March 15 at 8 pm

Kate Gilbert

The Idealisation of the Mother in Psychoanalysis and Beyond

I would like to think about the idealisation of the mother and the links of this idealisation with misogyny and the way in which these phenomena play into the more unhealthy aspects of non - relating.

I intend to draw from experiences, both personal and clinical, as well as from Freud.

PS: Further details for the Spring Seminars, including two seminars from outside speakers will be posted shortly.