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# INTERNAL RACISM:

The pull of racist mechanisms in the outside world



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**Saturday 26th October 2019 at 9:00-11:00am**

**Venue: Epworth Auditorium, Level 2, Epworth Hospital Access via Bridge Road Richmond  
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*"In this presentation I shall describe the model of internal racism, which is a clinically based account of the othering mechanisms employed in relation to the out-group. These mechanisms are structurally different to the othering processes involved in the self-other relationship and in the Oedipal configuration. I argue that our relationship with the out-group is embedded in a paranoid, us-them, defensive structure that produces fantasies about the out-group that are passed off as fact. This, in turn, justifies how they are to be treated. These constructions can then be imposed on the out-group member with the full force of projective identification. This can be difficult to bear, which I will illustrate using as an example the retirement from international football of Mesut Özil.*

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