

Abstract

Drawing on person-centred and feminist methodologies this research uses hermeneutic and conceptual encounter methods to explore therapist's experience of working with their person-centred modality alongside their feminism. Resonances and dissonances between the theories are explored as well as current views on integration. Findings indicate that notions of integration as discussed in the literature are insufficient, rather the tension between the approaches is seen as providing an opportunity for critical understanding of the person as relational and that as such both persons, and the relationship, must be considered in context. The therapeutic relationship conditions of congruence and empathy therefore are understood from a developing intersubjective stance.