

# SELF-HATE IN ADOLESCENCE

**Rezumat:** *During adolescence, self-hate is expressed especially through hate towards the body, because it has a status of extraterritoriality and thus serves as a projection screen. This hate is consolidated when teenagers feel that their sexual body, be it male or female, inherited from puberty, makes them feel helpless and passive. Once they pass the period of infantile self-eroticism and move on to adult sexuality, the desired object becomes totally uncontrollable and the body is held responsible both for the desire that invades it and for failing to control the desired object. Hate towards this new body (self-hate) increases when it is mistaken for the hate towards the Oedipian mother's body. I will enlarge upon the difficult work of owning one's body during adolescence, focusing on chances and failures and insisting on the necessity of a positive narcissist investment of the body so as to overcome self-hate.*

**Cuvinte cheie:** adolescence, self-hate, body hate, self-eroticism, desire, Oedipus.