

The London Society of the New Lacanian School

Seminars 07-08: Object a

The New Lacanian School (NLS) has taken as a point of departure the fourth part of Lacan's Seminar X, Anxiety, with the title 'The Five Forms of the Object a. This follows Jacques-Alain Miller's proposal earlier as a guide for the World Association of Psychoanalysis's congress in April 2008 on 'The objects a in the Analytic Experience'. The NLS will contribute to the research by way of a particular slant, that of the body.

The London Society in turn will take up its own strand of work on the object a, with each presenter having chosen the aspect of object a which interests them.

Our work is underpinned by the historical development of object a as it emerges in the seminars which are available in English. From 'The Thing' (Das Ding) through to Lacan's seminar X L'Angoisse (Anxiety – untranslated) to object a and the gaze, separation, selfmutilation, the lost object and its use in Seminar XVII The Other Side of Psychoanalysis and transformation in seminar XX Encore. The distinction between the clinic of the phallus and the clinic of object a also emerges.

In order to integrate our work with this historical perspective, a reporter will comment on emerging themes in each session. This commentary will be circulated.

Programme:

24th November

Richard Klein: Object a and separation
Noga Wine: Object a, conceptualisation of the lack
Chair: Penny Georgiou
Reporter: Julia Evans

15th December

Ian Parker: In Visible Signifiers
Veronique Voruz: Object a and the desire of the analyst
Chair: Vincent Dachy
Reporter: Julia Evans

19th January 2008

Alan Rowan: The object body: trauma and psychosomatics
Julia Evans: Object a and self-mutilation
Chair: Richard Klein
Reporter: Penny Georgiou

9th February – This seminar has been rescheduled to the 31st of May.

29th March

Vincent Dachy: Do you hear the voice in my head?
Rik Loose: The function of the object a within contemporary symptoms and in relation to the body-event.
Chair: Richard Klein
Reporter: Julia Evans

10th May

Natalie Wulffing: Object a and the impossible to say in analysis
Adrian Price: Habeas corpus and its Haberdashery
Chair: Richard Klein
Reporter: Julia Evans

31st May

Penny Georgiou: Object a, the body and knowledge
Roger Litten: The calculability of object a in contemporary discourses of risk
Chair: Alan Rowan
Reporter: Julia Evans

References.

Jacques Lacan Le Seminaire Livre X, L'Angoisse, Seuil, Paris, 2004, 4th part, pp 247-390 (untranslated). Jacques-Alain Miller. The object a in the analytic experience Presentation to the Rome AMP Congress July 2006 Lacanian Compass 9, <http://www.lacan.com/LacanianCompass9miller.htm> . Jacques-Alain Miller. Two approaches to anxiety. Cause freudienne 58 pp61-100 or Lacanian ink 26

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