

The London Society
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New Lacanian School



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Lacanian Interpretation

London Society Seminar

How come I suffer the way I do?

There is a question of this kind at the beginning of an analysis. How do we hear such a question? How do we interpret such a request? Can we, should we answer it? Perhaps, the psychoanalyst is an expert after all and has got all the answers! Ready-made answers for average individuals? Well, if the psychoanalyst knows something it must be that there is an incommensurability between the average normality and the singularity of a so-called individual. So, the psychoanalyst does not resort to a *Big Book* where all the answers are already written but will invite the analysand to open his/her own book! And they'll start reading. It's called interpreting. But what could interpreting be if it is not telling someone what something means? That is precisely what the NLS Seminar will tackle next year. We have to face the fact that interpretation in psychoanalysis is not the same as what it is in philosophy, religion or therapy. To face that fact and to account for it! During seven seminars we will address fundamental aspects of the practice of Lacanian analysis, which make it different from any other *talking cure*. What do we listen to? Who knows what's important? Who decides what means something, and what something means? What is the authority in psychoanalysis? What do we hope for, expect from meaning? Is there something beyond or after meaning - if anything at all? This is nothing short of questioning the causality by which Lacanian psychoanalysis abides.

18 October	Vincent Dachy	Introduction to the Seminar
29 November	Philip Dravers Roger Litten	From Interpretation to Transference & Back Again What is Lacanian Interpretation?
10 January	Heather Chamberlain Véronique Voruz	TBC TBC
14 March	Natalie Wülfing Adrian Price	Post-Interpretation Lacan's Remarks on Interpretation & Chinese Poetry
25 April	Julia Evans Rik Loose	Interpretation & the Knowledge of the Analyst TBC
30 May	Richard Klein Vincent Dachy	TBC Allusion, Actualisation & Off-cuts

Venue: ULU Malet St, WC1
2 pm - 5 pm
Admission: £15/ £10
Series: £90/ £60

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Towards the Congress

Nouages/ Knottings Seminar of the NLS

The “Knottings” seminar, a seminar of the Executive Committee of the NLS, continues this year. It will bring together colleagues from six different Societies or Groups to prepare the VIIth Congress, which will take place in Paris on 9th and 10th May 2009. The argument and bibliography to be used as common reference are diffused by NLS-Messenger and can be found on the NLS website: www.amp-nls.org

In each place, three papers will be presented and discussed : a theoretical introduction by a member of the EC or a representative, two clinical pieces, one by a member of the local group and the other by a guest from another group. The papers should not be too long (20 minutes), so that a real discussion can take place. Each seminar is led by the president of the local group or a representative. A « reporter », appointed by the local group, will write an account of the seminar, to be circulated by the EC of the NLS.

*For the Executive Committee of the NLS,
Anne Lysy-Stevens,
Vice-President*

The London seminar will be held on the 7th of February at ULU. The day will be introduced by Gil Caroz (ECF/ NLS) and cases will be given by Agnieszka Kurek (Warsaw Circle) and Richard Klein (London Society)

To register, email: secretary-londonsociety@blueyonder.co.uk
Further details: <http://www.londonsociety-nls.org.uk>

VII Congress of the NLS

Lacanian Interpretation

Paris 9th-10th May

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Clinics and Pragmatics of Dis-insertion in Psychoanalysis

PIPOL 4: 11th/12th July 2009 - Barcelona

PIPOL 4, under the title “Clinics and Pragmatics of Segregation in Psychoanalysis”, points to the subjective dimension which is present in the modalities of segregation and also points to the paths that allow -working with each person’s symptom- to recover the inclusion in the social structure. The word “désinsertion” is not new; what’s new is dealing with this phenomenon from the psychoanalytical discourse. Jacques-Alain Miller’s recent insight into the last teaching of Lacan introduces the symptom as real into the social bond and thus allows us to deal with disinsertion as one of the quintessential names of the real of our time. It usually accompanies a non-subjectified symptom, which becomes more unbearable since it acts as an obstacle to subjective experience and to a life that can respond to desire. By reducing the social bond to the logic of the market, our civilization offers, on the one hand, the emblems for homogenization, and on the other, it provokes an addictive compulsion for consumer objects. The methods of quantification, which aim to reduce all subjects to anonymity, aggravate the problem by challenging the social bond. The psychoanalytical clinical approach tackles what is the “out-of-the-norm” not identifying it as a lack but, on the contrary, acknowledging and recognizing its value.

The paths towards disinsertion are varied, ranging from truancy to new forms of violence among the young; from the ravages of drug dependency to passages to the act in neuroses and psychoses; from forms of anxiety to pathologies of melancholic discouragement. Our task is to show how new paths can be opened, either through the encounter with a psychoanalyst or with social workers and educators who have a psychoanalytical orientation and are sensitive to the ‘one-by-one’; paths from which each one can obtain the necessary “know-how to do” with their symptom, in order to go beyond the obstacles and the disastrous subjective consequences of segregation while inventing responses which can generate new solutions that respect their particularities.

For full article and further details: <http://ri2009.champfrenudien.org>

International Applied Psychoanalysis Institutions Network - RIPA:
Réseau International des Institutions de Psychanalyse Appliquée
2008-2009: Classic/Contemporary Psychosis and Social Inclusion
Co-ordinator: Gabriela van den Hoven

28 November 2008
6 February 2009
29 May 2009

2-5pm
STC Maudsley Hospital
Denmark Hill
London SE5 8AZ

Admission Fee: £10 per session/(Slam Admission free)
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For further information: <http://www.londonsociety-nls.org.uk>

Calendar: 2008-9

Date	Title
20-Sep	Rally: Beyond the False Promises of Security
18-Oct	LS-NLS Seminar - Lacanian Interpretation
28-Nov	Classic/Contemporary Psychosis and Social Inclusion
29-Nov	LS-NLS Seminar - Lacanian Interpretation
10-Jan	LS-NLS Seminar - Lacanian Interpretation
06-Feb	Classic/Contemporary Psychosis and Social Inclusion
07-Feb	Seminar of the NLS - Nouages: Lacanian Interpretation
14-Mar	LS-NLS Seminar - Lacanian Interpretation
25-Apr	LS-NLS Seminar - Lacanian Interpretation
09-May	NLS Congress Paris: Lacanian Interpretation
06-May	Classic/Contemporary Psychosis and Social Inclusion
30-May	LS-NLS Seminar - Lacanian Interpretation
11/12-Jul	Clinics and Pragmatics of Disinsertion in Psychoanalysis