

The Pennsylvania State University Center for Psychoanalytic Studies is a newly formed group whose concern is to define its possible role within a growing network of centers, within the university, and within analytic communities. Anyone interested in knowing more about this Center may contact Christopher Schreiner, Research Assistant, at 202 Sparks Building, University Park, Pennsylvania 16802. Telephone numbers are (814) 865-1684; (914) 865-6397.

The Chicago Lacan Study Group was organized over two years ago by Lucia Villela-Minnerly, Charles Turk, M.D. and Ellie Ragland Sullivan. The group meets once a month on Mondays from 7:30 to 9:00 in the library of the Center for Psychoanalytic Study, 333 East Ontario Street, Suite 4412, Chicago, Illinois 60614. They discuss specific texts of Jacques Lacan. Membership is by invitation. A balance of clinicians and academics is sought. Meetings are open to the public when guest speakers appear. Anyone interested in this group should contact Lucia Villela-Minnerly (312) 721-9505; Charles Turk (312) 269-9180 and (312) 251-4331; or Joyce Wexler (312) 508-2780, or should write for information to the above address.

The Lacan Study Group of Buffalo, New York is beginning its fourth year of meetings in September of 1987. The meetings are flexible enough to attempt to accommodate the particular interests of participants, although there is generally a central text. For 1987-1988 the group will be reading *Seminar XI*. Anyone interested in further information about this group may contact James Glogowski at SUNY

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Buffalo, Department of Psychiatry, Erie County Medical Center, K-Annex, 462 Grider Street, Buffalo, New York 14215. Telephone (716) 898-3630.

A seminar in Freudian psychoanalysis sponsored by the English Department of Barnard College is conducted by Stuart Schneiderman and Professor Marie Jaanus of the English Department. This seminar, open to the public, is spending this academic year 1987-88 doing a close reading of Jacques Lacan's "The Freudian Thing." There are no formal lectures. Each meeting, every other Wednesday evening, is organized around a presentation either by a member of the seminar or by a guest speaker, with open discussion and debate. Meetings are held at 8:30 p.m. in room 409, Barnard Hall (Broadway above 116th Street) across from the entrance to the Columbia University campus. This seminar is held under the auspices of the Paris-New York Psychoanalytic Workshop. For further information, please contact Stuart Schneiderman at the following address. 310 East 46th Street, Apartment 24H, New York, New York 10017, (212) 682-6678.

The fortnightly seminar of the Centre for Psychoanalytic Research in Melbourne, Australia, continues to run in conjunction with the Department of Psychological Medicine, Monash University, during 1987/1988. It is held on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, 8:00-9:30 p.m. Those interested should contact either Russell Grigg or Leonardo Rodriguez regarding the text for the seminar. The Centre for Psychoanalytic Research has also organized two cartels. The one coordinated by Leonardo Rodriguez is on psychosis; the one coordinated by Russell Grigg is on hysteria. Anyone interested in either of these cartels should contact the coordinators in question at the following address: The Centre for Psychoanalytic Research, P.O. Box 509, Carlton South, Victoria 3053, Australia. Moreover, information can be obtained about the colloquium to be sponsored in late 1988. (See Reports on Conferences for information on the Colloquium sponsored by this Centre in July of 1987.)

Anyone interested in the activities of the Cultural Centre for Freudian Studies and Research, London, England (founded by Richard

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Klein, Bice Benvenuto, Bernard Burgoyne, and Darian Leader) may contact this Center at Middlesex Polytechnic, Queensway, Enfield, Middlesex EN3 4SF. Telephone 01-804-8131. The Center sponsors conferences, seminars and publishes a journal, *Syngraphia* on sale at Karnac's, Dillon's Compendium, and the I.C.A. bookshops in London.

GIFRIC (Groupe Interdisciplinaire Freudien de Recherches et d'Intervention Cliniques) (Quebec City)

This year (1987-88) GIFRIC is offering four enrichment sessions (in French) for mental health professionals and clinicians interested in psychoanalysis on the following theme: "Limits of the analysable."

The resource persons are Willy Apollon, Doctor of Philosophy and analyst; Lucie Cantin, psychologist and analyst; and Danielle Bergeron, psychiatrist and analyst. These resource persons will participate via theoretical papers and clinical presentations, and will lead group discussions arising out of the work presented by those participating. Case demonstrations or reviews of clinical literature will be expected from all participants. A research paper (including clinical observation) will be required, in addition, in the intervals between sessions.

Experience in clinical practice is a prior requisite for enrollment. Sessions will run from 9:00 am on Friday mornings till 5:00 pm on Saturdays.

LIMITS OF THE ANALYSABLE

In the process of the analytic cure, everything is not interpretable. Something remains which is an ineliminable residue: the unanalysable. This resistance encountered in the analysis concerns what Freud called "the Death Instinct" and what Lacan named the "Real." This is exactly what is involved in the symptom and in the fantasy: something arises and wants to be said but language lacks words to say it.

This year, four crucial points in the logic of the cure will be developed: the body, the symptom, the fantasy, and the object.

SESSION ONE

"THE BODY AND THE "JOUISSANCE" OF THE OTHER"

November 6-7, 1987

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The Freudian concept of "body" goes against the medical concept of "organism." Caught up in the language, and marked by the signifier of parental desire, the body is like a book where the Other is inscribed. This gap between the body and the organism is where the Real emerges and exists as something unanalysable.

In this "skewed meaning" (in this point "out of focus"), which strategies can the analyst use in the transference? Is there any limit to the interpretation?

SESSION TWO

"THE TWO CLINICAL DIMENSIONS OF THE SYMPTOM" December 11-12, 1987

In so far as it is structured as a language, the symptom yields itself to interpretation. But it is also what attests to the "death instinct"; i.e., to a production of the "jouissance" of the Other in the organism. As such, in this point of "off meaning," "beyond the Pleasure principle," the symptom is uninterpretable.

Moreover, we must distinguish between the medical-psychiatric symptom and the psychoanalytic symptom. What are, then, the consequences for clinical work?

SESSION THREE

"THE FANTASY AS PRODUCTION OF THE SUBJECT" March 11-12, 1988

The neurotic keeps secret his fantasy in which the silent "jouissance" of the drive smolders. In this sense, the fantasy hinders interpretation. Indeed, in the transference, the neurotic is expecting from the analysis or the analyst that his fantasy be allowed to become the place of a secret and unspoken "jouissance."

At this point, how does the analyst maneuver? From a clinical point of view, what does Lacan mean by "to go through the fantasy"?

SESSION FOUR

"OBJECT (a), ESTHETICS, ETHICS, ACTION" May 20-21, 1988

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Whereas the conduct of the cure leads the fantasy to be "wellspoken" rather than the source of the "jouissance" expected by the analysand in the transference, the analysis of the fantasy leaves a residue, the object (a) which appears in the place where the lack of the Other would be.

At this moment, in what manner does the direction of the cure involve an ethic and esthetic approach to action, rather than an interpretation? One then sees that clinical work necessarily leads to ethical requirements.

The sessions will be held at GIFRIC's social headquarters: 342 ST-CYRILLE W., QUEBEC CITY, CANADA, G1S 1R9.

REGISTRATION: \$425.00 (CANADIAN)

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LISTE DES STAGES 1988

January 14-10 The Pathologies of Repression

February 18-24 The Personality, the Ego, the Subject: Who is "at stake" in a Cure?

March 17-23 Perspectives on the Somatic- somatizations; the psychosomatic; the imaginary and the real of the
body; hypochondria, etc.

April 14-20 Fantasies of the Mother, Symptoms of the Child Toxicomania and Alcoholism

May 26-1 Toxicomania and Alcoholism

June 9-15 Transference and Love in the Psychoses and the Neuroses

October 13-19 Aggressivity and Auto-Destruction: Clinical Incidences of the Death-Drive

November 17-23 The Space of the Demand-the demand for care; the demand for listening; problems of non-demand; to sustain the demand?; nonresponse to the demand; the "cry" (*cri*), the call, mutism, acting, etc.

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December 8-14 The Psychotic and His/Her Family

Each stage (course) is organized on the basis of 40 hours of teaching and costs 2650 FF. As of September 1987 a detailed brochure presenting an over-all perspective will be available.