

## Activities/Study Groups/Seminars

The New York Lacan Seminar conducted by Stuart Schneiderman in association with Professor Maire Jaanus at Barnard College is reading *Seminar I: The Technical Writings of Freud* (published by Norton in 1988) this year. For information regarding the time and place of this Seminar, call Stuart Schneiderman at (212) 682-6678.



The Lacan Circle of New York meets every other Wednesday, alternating with the New York Lacan Seminar conducted by Stuart Schneiderman and Maire Jaanus. Last year this group read and discussed *Television* (from *October* 40, MIT Press). In September of 1988 the group will begin to read *Seminar I* in conjunction with the New York Lacan Seminar. Members of the group also gather every other Monday to read and discuss Freud. Meetings are held at 8:30 pm. Those interested may contact Josefina Ayerza at (212) 475-5604 or (212) 505-1507, or write to her at 133 Wooster, #7R, New York, N.Y. 10012. Members of the circle include Josefina Ayerza, Bernardo de la Cuetara, M.D., Joseph Finkle, M.D., Salvatore Guido, Marique Hays, Adriana Passini, Ann Predergast and Marti Winn.



The Paris-New York Psychoanalytic Workshop offers "The Lacanian Psychoanalytic Clinical Seminar" directed by Hourik Zakarian on dates to be determined for 1989. Seating is limited. For information, call: (212) 995-8746.

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On May 1, 1988, Mr. Jean-Paul Sarré conducted his first American Seminar at the Bleecker Street Cinema. The title of his presentation was "La clinique de l'image" (some clinical aspects of the image). This Seminar will be held every first Sunday of the month at 11:30 am, with the exception of August. The goal of this Seminar is to convey to Americans the relationship between psychoanalysis and cinema, and to challenge them both from theoretical and practical points of view. During the first Seminar, Mr. Sarré presented the 1976 film of Benoit Jacquot, "Jacques Lacan's Psychoanalysis". There was a discussion afterwards [See the article by Jacques-Alain Miller in this issue]. For further information, please call (212) 757-1894, or write to the International Cinema Network, 144 Bleecker St., New York, N.Y. 10012, (212) 529-5015.



The Chicago Lacan Study Group, now beginning its fourth year, meets about once a month on Mondays from 7:30 to 9:00 pm in the library of the Center for Psychoanalytic Study, 333 E. Ontario St., Suite 4412, Chicago, Illinois 60611. The group is made up of clinicians, philoso-

phers and professors of literature and theory. This year the group is reading *Seminar I*. For further information please contact Lucia Villela-Minnerly (312) 721-9505; Charles Turk, M.D. (312) 269-9180; or Joyce Wexler (312) 508-2780.



The San Francisco Society for Lacanian Studies formally emerged two years ago. Bimonthly meetings have welcomed Catherine Millot, André Patsalides and other French and Belgian analysts. Presently the Society is working on Lacan's understandings of perversion and *jouissance*. Membership will be expanding and/or beginning new "cartels". For more information, please contact Randy Badler, M.D. (415) 333-6411, or write to him at 260 California St., Suite 801, San Francisco, California 94111.



The Lacan Study Group of Pittsburgh was organized in December, 1987, by Mario L. Beira. The group meets weekly for two hours at this address: 5847 Nicholson St., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15217. For further information one may call (412) 422-6118. The purpose of this

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group is to study Lacan in-depth. Meetings typically begin with small half-hour presentations focusing on the materials covered during the previous week. The group then reads, line by line (sometimes point by point), a specific text of Lacan. So far the group has read "Excommunication" from *The Four Fundamental Concepts*, the Mirror Phase and Aggressivity essays from the *Écrits*. Presently they are half-way through the Rome Discourse. Afterwards, they will read the recently translated *Seminar I*. The group is in dialogue with clinicians and academicians in Pittsburgh, particularly with an extensive and well-respected Jungian community. Members of the group include Mario L. Beira, Richard Asarian, Marie Baird, Crystal Bartolovich, Mark Grabau, James Hepburn, Lionel Krebbs and George Johnson. The formations of the members include psychology, philosophy, literature, theology and sociology. "All of us would like to network as a Lacan Study Group of the Freudian Field. Our commitment to furthering knowledge of Lacan in the city of Pittsburgh and beyond is serious."



The Ann Arbor, Michigan, Lacan Study Group was recently organized by Gerard Pape and Gene Ragland. Monthly meetings are currently held on Saturday mornings. The group, made up of psychologists, anthropologists, art and literary theorists and medical doctors, is reading *Seminar I*. For further information call Gene Ragland, M.D. (313) 662-4813 or Gerard Pape (313) 971-2110.

The Trinity University Lacan Study Group has recently constituted itself in San Antonio, Texas. The group is currently reading *Seminar I*. For further information, contact Matt Stroud at (512), 736-8369 or (512) 822-4441.



The University of Florida Lacan Study Group in Gainesville calls itself *Encore*. This group began meeting in the Spring of 1988, reading *The Four Fundamental Concepts (Seminar XI)*. As soon as we finish this text, we will begin *Seminar I*. This group meets every other Friday evening and includes students from various disciplines as well as professors. For further information, please call Ellie Ragland-Sullivan at (904) 338-1535 (home) or (904) 392-1580.

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GIFRIC holds four training sessions a year for clinical analysis, as well as weekly seminars. The sessions for the year 1988-1989 are based on the theme "From the clinic of the symptom to the *bien dire* of the fantasy: a clinic of the real". Practical clinical experience is required in order that one enroll in the program. Sessions will be held Fridays and Saturdays from 9:00 am to 5 :00 pm at GIFRIC. The address is 342 St-Cyrille ouest, in Quebec City. The sessions will all be held in French. Previous training sessions on the signifier and the limits of interpretation in the cure have brought up questions regarding the specificity of the psychoanalytic symptom. Indeed, when a symptom begins to disappear, an encounter with the real appears as the death drive in the symptom. This poses many questions regarding the end of the treatment. On October 21-22, 1988, this year's session will study "The body of the letter". The analytic symptom as a writing on the body reveals a part of *jouissance* which "never ceases writing itself". The second session will be held on December 9-10, 1988. Its theme is "The dimension of writing in the cure". In the cure the slope of the signifier brings the analysand to the place of ethics where the letter supports the "manoeuvre of the *écrit*," at the limit of the signifier. How can the analyst's desire maintain the openness of this ethical dimension necessary to the time of the cure? On March 3-4, 1989, "A cadre for the *ininscriptible*" will study how the fantasy offers a frame to the remainder of *jouissance* which never ceases to write itself. On May 19-20, 1989, Willy Apollon, Danielle Bergeron and Lucie Cantin will conclude these training sessions with a study of the following theme: "The ethical exigency determines the cure as to its endpoint". Psychoanalytic cures End their endpoints around the question of the fantasy. The analytic ethic determines the endpoint of the cure beyond the question of the fantasy. The effects of cure (diminished symptoms, etc.) are deceptive in relation to the function of the fantasy. How does the analyst bring the treatment to its endpoint? The cost of the four sessions is \$425.00 (Canadian), payable in full by October 7, 1988. The check should be made out to GIFRIC (address given above) c/o Mme Lucie Cantin. The telephone number is (418) 687-4350. Another program within GIFRIC is working on the problematic of clinical intervention in the family. The 1988-1989 sessions will study how alliances and contracts are made between the lineage within families,

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beyond legal matters, and will also study the passage of a couple to kinship and related problems. The idea that one must consider at least four generations of discourse within lineage, as well as

the discourses peculiar to each generation, will be examined. Sessions will be held on Thursdays and Fridays from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm at the GIFRIC address given above. Dates are November 17-18, 1988, January 26-27, 1989, April 20-21, 1989. For further information contact either Mme Louise Pépin or Mme Lyne Rouleau. All sessions will be conducted in French.



The Melbourne Centre for Psychoanalytic Research will recommence its activities in 1988-1989 with the aim of promoting and developing studies, discussions and research on the theory and practice of psychoanalysis. The Centre organizes seminars, small study groups, or *cartels*, scientific workshops and the publication of original contributions in the fields of psychoanalysis and related disciplines. The Centre offers those engaged in the theory and/or practice of psychoanalysis the opportunity to share their knowledge and experience with others, in the interest of generating new ideas and contributions regarding the relevance of psychoanalysis. While the Centre concentrates on the work of Sigmund Freud and Jacques Lacan, it also promotes the study of research into all orientations within the field of psychoanalysis. Any person with a strong interest in such study is eligible to participate, although membership is dependent upon participation in activities. No conventional benefits or status will be derived from membership in the Centre, but a few obligations towards psychoanalysis as a body of knowledge, as a method and as a clinical practice. For further information regarding the activities for this year—Seminars, Workshops, Cartels—and the Conference to take place in the summer of 1989, contact one of the two directors, Russell Grigg and Leonardo S. Rodriguez at the Centre for Psychoanalytic Research, PO Box 509, Carlton South, Victoria 3053, Australia. Telephone numbers are (03) 267-2774 or (03) 329-0828. This year 1988-1989 the fifth Seminar on the works of Jacques Lacan will be held at the Department of Psychological Medicine, Prince Henry's Hospital, Melbourne on the first and third Tuesday of the month from 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm. The reading for the year will be Lacan's essay "The direction of the cure and the principles of its power," an essay which involves the revision of major

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psychoanalytic works on technique. The cartel that meets to study psychosis continues to work with Lacan's texts and clinical material. Participants are Louise Buckle, Robert King, Susan Long, Silvia Rodriguez, Leonardo Rodriguez.



For those interested in the study of Lacan in England, contact may be made with the Middlesex Polytechnic Psychoanalytic Study Group and the Cultural Centre for Freudian Studies and Research. The address is Middlesex Polytechnic, Queensway, Enfield, Middlesex EN3 4SF, England. Telephone (01) 804-8131. The Centre sponsors conferences, seminars and publishes the journal *Syngraphia*. Founders of the Centre are Richard Klein, Bice Benvenuto, Bernard Burgoyne and Darian Leader.

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