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How to Create a Lacan Study Group:

Those interested readers in whom Lacan's teaching has struck a particularly responsive chord will be happy to learn of the Lacan Study Groups of the Freudian Field. These can be described as a network of local groups or "cartels" which may receive support from the Parisian Foundation of the Freudian Field if they wish to. The Lacan Study Group is a concept adapted from Lacan's original idea of the cartel. Though in English we are accustomed to thinking of a cartel as a voluntary combination of independent entrepreneurs (providing the same commodity or service) who agree to limit their competitive activities in some fashion, this is not the sense which Lacan intended. The sense was rather one of a coalition of autonomous persons who joined in a common interest. But, in a characteristic twist, Lacan advised that cartels disband their original membership after a period of two or three years to forestall the growth of dogmatic and exclusivist thinking. This structuration was designed to combat the imperialist tendency towards Oneness and closure which comes from the Imaginary Order as it affects group dynamics.

We encourage anyone interested in studying Lacan to start a group. Group discussions of Lacan's *Seminars* or *Ecrits* are a first step in working with this complex body of teaching. If you do so, please inform us so we can list you in *NFF*. In that way, people can find others interested in Lacan's teaching in a network fashion.

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Six weekend seminars held yearly at Columbia University - La Maison Française- Casa Italiana, Amsterdam Ave., 117th

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There is an ongoing seminar on "Psychoanalysis and Culture" during the academic year at the Harvard Center for Literature and Cultural Studies chaired by Barbara Claire Freeman. People who wish to be on the mailing list should write to: CLCS, Harvard University or call (617) 495-0738. Professor Ellie Ragland-Sullivan will begin the Fall series October 7.

The Lacan Symposium in Australia, July 13-24, 1991: Deakin University, in conjunction with the Melbourne Centre for Psychoanalytic Research, presents a conference and two workshops on the teaching of Jacques Lacan. With the participation of academics and psychoanalysts from France, the United States and Australia, including:

Marie-Hélène Brousse Ellie Ragland-Sullivan Jean-Pierre Klotz

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