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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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The Lacan American Clinique sponsors conferences, seminars, workshops, clinical seminars and continuing research in Lacan's orientation. Seminars and conferences are held at the Lexington Professional Center, the Bellevue Psychiatric Hospital and Columbia University, New York City

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. Those who wish to be on the mailing list may write to: CLCL, Harvard University or call (617) 495-0738.

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A NEW JOURNAL:
bien dire

Given the increasing interest in Lacan's readings in the United States, a new journal is being initiated in conjunction with *The Newsletter of the Freudian Field*. This new journal, *bien dire*, will be a place where those anglophones who have accepted Lacan's challenge, "tu peux Savoir," can publish and invite responses to their work. Some issues of the journal will focus on special themes, and every issue will publish letters from reviewers and readers who wish to respond to work already published in *The Newsletter of the Freudian Field*. *bien dire*, then, Will provide a forum within which questions concerning Lacan's teaching might be brought together, discussed and delineated, at a national level.

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