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PSYCHOANALYSIS**

TRAINING SEMINARS 2007/2008

**All Seminars take place on Saturday at Diorama 2- Unit 3-7, Euston Centre,
Regents Place, London NW3 3JG**

Time: Seminars: 10.00 am - 1.00 pm

AUTUMN TERM

6 October 2007

Phenomenology in practice

Seminar Leader: Angela Kreeger

Reading: 'Psychoanalysis' in 'Giving an account of oneself' Judith Butler
Fordham UL '05

13 October - 10 November

Key Lacanian concepts

Seminar Leader: Philip Hill

Week One

Why does Lacan claim *that the signifier represent the subject for another signifier?*

What are the alternatives and the clinical consequences?? Pages 212-345, 380 of my book, Using Lacanian Clinical Technique. If you had time you could look at Peirce's theory of the sign (<http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/peirce/>), and Dawkin's theory of the meme.

Week Two

What is the *lack of sexual rapport?*

Why is it essential for society, but not for each of us, and what would an alternative look like? The mother infant relation as the paradigm of the lack of sexual rapport, the basis of desire and difference. Pages 46-87 and 386 of my book 'What are the varieties of jouissance?' is almost a logically equivalent question.

Week Three

Time, desire, and session length

What are the advantages and disadvantages of fixing the length of a session in advance? How might varying the session length bear on the treatment? Pages 346-366 of my book, and Logical Time and the Assertion of Anticipated Certainty, p161-175, in Fink's translation of Lacan's *Ecrits* (2006).

Week Four

Policy, strategy, tactics and ethics

Pages 346-366 of my book. If you had time you could look at Lacan's fabulous seminar Lacan J, *The Ethics of Psychoanalysis, The Seminar of Jacques Lacan*, ed Miller, trans Porter, 1992.

Week Five

Sick logic: obsessional neurosis in relation to hysteria, mathematics, truth and interpretation

I will assume that everyone is familiar with Freud's Ratman (Notes Upon a Case of Obsessional Neurosis, *SE 10*, [1909], 1979) and pages 138-163, 250-345 of my book. Hopefully we will be presented with a case of obsessional neurosis. For those with enthusiasm:

17 November – 15 December 2007

Memory, remembering, forgetfulness forgetting, and trauma

Seminar Leader: Kirsty Hall

These terms cover a wide field of psychoanalytic theorising and clinical practice. The students will have the opportunity to engage in discussion on problems such as the following:

What is trauma?

The distinction between memory and remembering; forgetting and forgetfulness

The role of sexuality in trauma

false memory syndrome

Are recovered memories actually memories?

The relationship of truth to memory to the process of psychoanalysis

The inscription of memory upon the body

The relationship of all the above to problems encountered in clinical practice

There is a huge literature. We will start by discussing the problems thrown up by non-psychoanalytic approaches before concentrating on the work of three theorists who have different but interestingly connected theories of trauma, Freud, Lacan and Laplanche.

Week One

Ian Hacking (1995) *Rewriting the Soul: Multiple Personality and the Sciences of Memory*, Princeton: Princeton University Press (especially the latter half of the book on the complexities of memory and trauma). Ian Hacking does not have a psychoanalytic approach, but he *does* have an obvious debt to Foucault. His book is well-written and closely and convincingly argued. It could be used as a model for rigorous discussion of psychoanalytic concepts and whether or not they can be of use in the clinic.

Week Two

Freud, S. 'Remembering, Repeating and Working Through' *S.E XII* pp.147-156.

Freud, S. (1920) *Beyond the Pleasure Principle* *S.E. XVIII* pp. 3-64.

Laplanche & Pontalis (1988) *The Language of Psychoanalysis*, London: Karnac - entry on 'Deferred Action' pp. 111-114.

It is also worth consulting Freud, S. (1895) *The Project for a Scientific Psychology*, *SEI*, pp.283-397

Freud, S. (1896) 'Further Remarks on the Neuro-Psychoses of Defence' S.E. III, pp.159-185.

Freud stresses the importance of repetition in the experience of trauma.

Week Three

Lacan 'The function and field of speech and language' in *Ecrits* pp.31-113. (This is from the old version but I will have the new version page numbers by the beginning of the term).

It is also worth consulting Muller & Richardson (1994) *Lacan and Language - A Reader's Guide to Ecrits* (although this is out of print and may be hard to get hold of) and

Lacan, *Seminar II The Ego in Freud's Theory and in the Technique of Psychoanalysis*

Whereas Freud has a reading of trauma that stresses the chronological importance of the primal scene, Lacan takes issue with this chronological reading of the operation of time in the unconscious.

Week Four

Laplanche (1999) *Essays on Otherness*, London: Routledge esp. Chapter Six pp. 166-196.

Laplanche introduces the notion of the enigmatic signifier, the role of the message that the child/adult(?) receives but whose significance he does not/cannot understand.

Week Five

Each participant will be expected to formulate a question for discussion in this final session using any of the above texts plus any others that participants wish to bring.

SPRING TERM

5 January - 1 February 2008

A Question of Identity: A Critical Assessment of Pre-Oedipal and Oedipal Relationships as Developmentally Formative, and their Diagnostic Clinical Relevance

Seminar Leader: Heather Townsend

Week One

Sigmund Freud, 'Femininity' 1933

Week Two

Melanie Klein, 'A Study of Envy and Gratitude' 1956

Week Three

Particular feminist responses from within this framework.

N. Chodorow, The Reproduction of Mothering, Chptr 12, University of California Press, ISBN: **0-520-03892-4**

J. Benjamin, The Bonds of Love, Virago, **1-85381-110-6**

Week Four

Self harm and eating disorders.

Fiona Gardner, Self Harm – a psychotherapeutic approach 2001 Chptrs 2&3

Janet Sayers, Boy Crazy 1998 Chpt 7, p92.

Week Five

Sexuality.

Dinora Pines, A Woman's Unconscious Use of her Body pp. 42-58

Christopher Bollas, Being a Character 1992 Chptr 7

Photocopies will be made available for weeks 3-5 if needed.

9 February – 8 March 2008

The conundrum of race

Seminar Leader: Peter Nevins

Week One

The Psychoanalysis of Race: ED Christopher Lane: Columbia University press, 1998;

Introduction: Christopher Lane

Chapter 5: A Question of Accent: Ethnicity and transference; Suzanne Yang

Week Two

Transference and race, An intersubjective conceptualization

Kris Y.Yi 1998, Psychoanalytic Psychology Vol 15, no. 2 pg 245 – 261

Week Three

Dialogue on Difference; Studies Ed. J. Christopher Muran diversity in the therapeutic relationship

Dialogue 1 The Conundrum of Race

Weeks Four and Five

Race, Colour and the Processes of racialization; New Perspectives from Group Analysis, Psychoanalysis and Sociology: Farhad Dalal; Brunner-Routledge 2002

Week 4 - Chapters 1, 2, 3,

Week 5 - Chapters 4, 5, 7 and 8

Training W/end March 15th/16th **Mourning and Melancholia: The ordinary and extraordinary - 21st century responses to Freud's paper 'Mourning and Melancholia', and its relevance today** A Kreeger & A Pope

SUMMER TERM

12 April - 10 May 2008

The concept of regression in psychoanalysis and the strange case of Masud Khan

Seminar Leader: Chris Oakley

Reading:

False Self: the Life of Masud Khan.' Linda Hopkins Other Press 2006

The Privacy of the Self.' Masud Khan Hogarth 1974

Hidden Selves' Masud Khan Hogarth 1983

How to make a paranoid laugh' Francois Roustang Univ of Pennsylvania Press 2000

Infinite Thought' Alain Badiou Continuum 2003

May 31st, June 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th **The Relational School** Luis Jimenez

Week one

Lionellis M., Fiscalini J., Mann C., & Stern D. (1995) "Introduction to Interpersonal Psychoanalysis" in Lionellis M., Fiscalini J., Mann C., & Stern D.(Eds) *Handbook of Interpersonal Psychoanalysis*, Hillsdale NJ: The Analytic Press, pp. 3-9

Layton L., (2006) "Relational Thinking: From Culture to Couch and Couch to Culture" Plenary Conference read at the Relational Thinking. Connecting Psychoanalysis, Institutions and Society. Conference University of the West of England, June 17-18

Ortmeyer D. (1995) "History of the Founders of Interpersonal Psychoanalysis" in: Lionellis M., Fiscalini J., Mann C., & Stern D.(Eds) *Handbook of Interpersonal Psychoanalysis*, Hillsdale NJ: The Analytic Press, pp. 11-27

Week two

Layton L. (2004) "A Fork in the Royal Road; On "Defining" The Unconscious and its Stakes for Social Theory", *Psychoanalysis, Culture and Society*, Vol.9 (1); 33-51

Mitchell, S.A. (1988) "The Relational Matrix" in: Mitchell S.A.: *Relational Concepts in Psychoanalysis: An Integration*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, pp. 17-40

Mitchell, S.A. (1988) "Penelope's Loom: Psychopathology and the Analytic Process" in: Mitchell S.A.: *Relational Concepts in Psychoanalysis: An Integration*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, pp.270-306

Week three

Fiscalini J. (1995) "The Clinical Analysis of Transference" in: Lionellis M., Fiscalini J., Mann C., & Stern D.(Eds) *Handbook of Interpersonal Psychoanalysis*, Hillsdale NJ: The Analytic Press, pp.617-642

Hirsch I.(1995) "Therapeutic Uses of Countertransference" in: Lionellis M., Fiscalini J., Mann C., & Stern D.(Eds) *Handbook of Interpersonal Psychoanalysis*, Hillsdale NJ: The Analytic Press, pp.643-660

Frommer, M.S. (1995) "Counter-Transference Obscurity in the Psychoanalytic Treatment of Homosexual Patients" in: Domenici T., & Lesser R. (Eds) *Disorienting Sexuality: Psychoanalytic Reappraisals of Sexual Identities*. New York: Routledge, pp. 65-82

Week Four

Goldner V. (2002) "Toward a Relational Theory of Gender" in: Dimen M., & Goldner V. (Eds) *Gender in Psychoanalytic Space: Between Clinic and Culture*, New York: Other Press, pp. 63-90

Benjamin J. (2002) "Sameness and Difference: An Over-Inclusive View of Gender Constitution" in: Dimen M., & Goldner V. (Eds) *Gender in Psychoanalytic Space: Between Clinic and Culture*, New York: Other Press, pp. 181-206

Butler J. (2002) "Melancholy Gender-Refused Identification" in: Dimen M., & Goldner V. (Eds) *Gender in Psychoanalytic Space: Between Clinic and Culture*, New York: Other Press, pp. 3-20

Week Five

Hegeman E. (1995) "Cross Cultural Issues in Interpersonal Psychoanalysis" in: Lionellis M., Fiscalini J., Mann C., & Stern D. (Eds) *Handbook of Interpersonal Psychoanalysis*, Hillsdale NJ: The Analytic Press, pp.

Leary K. (2002) "Race in Psychoanalytic Space" in: Dimen M., & Goldner V. (Eds) *Gender in Psychoanalytic Space: Between Clinic and Culture*, New York: Other Press, pp. 313-330

Layton L. (2002) "Gendered Subjects, Gendered Agents: Toward an Integration of Postmodern Theory and Relational Analytic Practice" in: Dimen M., & Goldner V. (Eds) *Gender in Psychoanalytic Space: Between Clinic and Culture*, New York: Other Press, pp. 285-311