

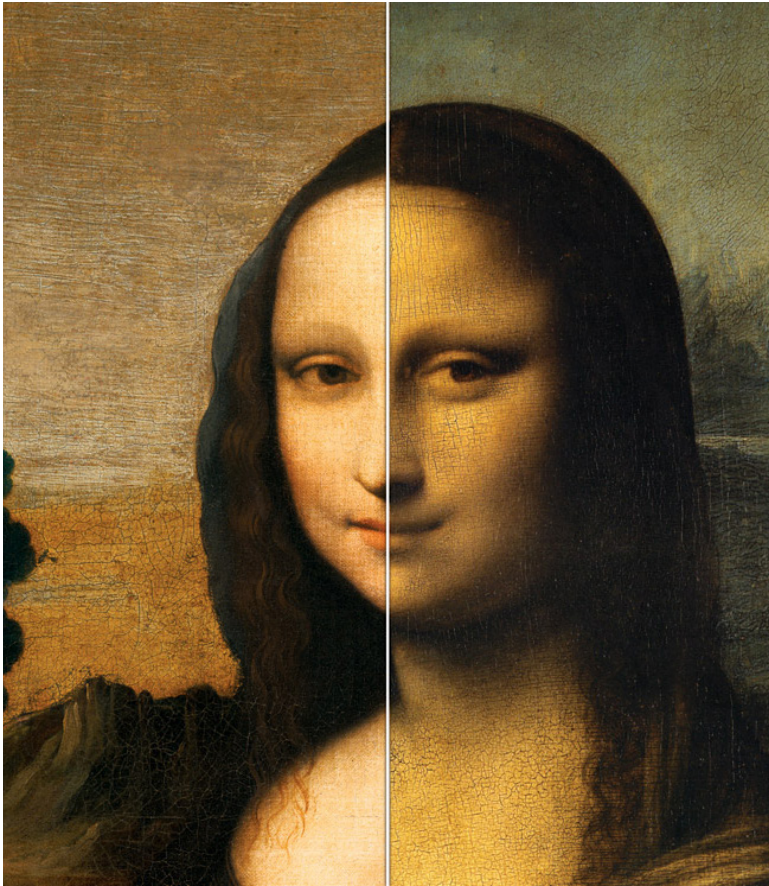


*The Freudian School  
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School of Lacanian Psychoanalysis

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2019

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## SEXUAL DIS-ORIENTATION

Saturday September 7th,  
Treacy Centre, 126 The Avenue, Parkville 3052  
9.00am- 4.00 pm

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"A man and a woman can understand each other, I am not denying it. They can, as such, understand each other's cries ... but it is in this that they are lacking something; that is, understanding each other as man, as woman, that is to say, sexually." (Jacques Lacan)

"This is the essential failing - namely, the absence of anything that could represent in the subject the mode of what is male or female in his being." (Jacques Lacan)

"Phallocentrism is the enemy. Of everyone. Men's loss in phallocentrism is different from, but as serious, as women's. And it is time to change. To invent the other history." (Hélène Cixous)

As distinct from its various categorizations and orientations, sexuality is encountered at the beginnings of psychoanalysis as profoundly disorienting; particularly with respect to the ethics, politics and logic of the church and medical science which had hitherto colonised it. Analysis found in the disorientation of sex the very equivocation which was coextensive with the unconscious and propitious with respect to the possibilities of enjoyment weighed against suffering.

It cannot pass without notice however that analysis itself has, within certain currents, been swayed by the seduction of normativity. It is to this that the Lacanian critique has been most fruitfully addressed; not analysing sexuality, but analysing through sexuality and what it brings to the subversion of the subject otherwise trapped within a body of logic, ethics and politics founded upon an orienting mutual exclusion.

In 2019 the work of the School will engage with this critique in attempting to further the cause of a sexual disorientation in psychoanalysis which gives rise to an inventiveness which resists normativity in all its forms - whether hetero, homo or trans-normativity. Members of the School will present their working of this subject in its clinical and theoretical dimensions at the annual conference of the School - the 2019 Homage to Lacan.

The School extends an invitation to those engaged in the effects of this propitious disorientation to engage in a work and discussion around this topic.

## SEMINAR The Foundations of Psychoanalysis

This course provides participants with a rigorous working of the fundamental concepts underpinning Freudian and Lacanian theory and clinical practice. It forms an important component of the theoretical aspect of the training of analysts and the ongoing work of the analysts of the school.

The Seminar is also open to students, scholars and colleagues in related clinical fields, in recognition of the importance to psychoanalysis of its extension beyond the clinic.

The Seminar takes place at Amrep Education Centre, Alfred Hospital, Wednesdays from 8.00 to 9.30pm. For further information contact Peta Welsh, Convenor of Seminars, (03) 9636 0079.

## SEMINARS

### “PSYCHOANALYSIS, PHILOSOPHY & THEOLOGY.”

Convenor: David Pereira, (03) 9690 3515

An appraisal of certain fundamental concepts in psychoanalysis and the way in which they are informed by and inform recurring questions in philosophy and theology across the realms of metaphysics, ontology, logic and ethics.

In 2019 the seminar will particularly engage with the thoroughgoing critique of psychoanalysis articulated in Deleuze and Guattari's *A Thousand Plateaus*, with a view to restoring to the Lacanian critique what is steadily fading from it. Particular attention will be given to the phenomenon of transference and the mode of loving which an analysis said to be “Lacanian” might give rise to.

First Saturday of the month 3.30pm-5.00pm.

### “THE CHILD, THE ADULT, AND THE SUBJECT OF PSYCHOANALYSIS.”

First Tuesday of each month 8-9.30pm, from Tuesday 5th March 2019.

Convenor: Michael Gerard Plastow.

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In 2019 this seminar will take up the case of little Hans and Lacan's seminar IV, The Object Relation.

This seminar welcomes those of any stage of interest in psychoanalysis, or formation. Participants will have the opportunity to speak of their own clinical practice and associated working of texts in the theorising of their work.

### “MY BARBARIC YAWP: FABRICATING PSYCHOANALYSIS .”

Second Monday of the month 7.30pm – 9.00pm, commencing March 11, 2019

Convenor: Peter Gunn, (03) 9347 1707

This Seminar is an effort to produce the link between psychoanalysis and writing, writing being understood here as any practice which takes articulation to its materiality as inscription. On the basis of that production, the Seminar takes itself to function as a clinic. The structure of the Seminar is given by presentations which bring the palpability of such articulations into the room of the Seminar itself.

## READING SEMINARS

These Seminars involve a close reading of foundational texts of Freud and Lacan with discussion of related clinical and theoretical topics.

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Lacan's *Seminar IV The Object Relation and Freudian Structures 1956-57*

Third Saturday of the month 3.00pm-5.00pm

Convenor: Tine Nørregaard 0419 150 658

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The Freud Reading Seminar: Freud's case studies - Dora

*Fragment of an analysis of a case of hysteria St. Ed. Vol. VII*

Last Saturday of the month 11.00am-1.00pm

The Lacan Reading Seminar

*Seminar XI The four fundamental concepts of psychoanalysis*

Last Saturday of the month 3.00 – 5.00pm

Convenor:

Linda Clifton, 9509 9396

**“Fluctuat nec mergitur”**  
*‘It is tossed by the waves, but does not sink’*

The Freudian School of Melbourne was founded as a School of Lacanian Psychoanalysis in 1977. The School takes its direction from the writings of Sigmund Freud and Jacques Lacan. Its task is the investigation and transmission of psychoanalysis and the formation of Lacanian psychoanalysts.

The School holds an important place in the history of psychoanalysis in Australia in having been the first to have formed Lacanian psychoanalysts in this country; through its work, opening a possibility which had previously not existed. Further, the School has opened the study of psychoanalytic theory and clinical practice to those scholars and clinicians interested in working with, developing and questioning the conceptual and clinical dimensions of Lacanian psychoanalytic theory and practice.

The School holds as fundamental the fact of speaking and writing psychoanalysis in Melbourne, Australia, with its particularity of culture, place and time, while not eschewing its important place in the international psychoanalytic community and its recognition within the Psychoanalytic Movement of Lacanian Schools within the world.

In addition to the practice of clinical psychoanalysis, sustained by psychoanalysts within the School, and a programme of internal meetings, seminars, cartels, study groups and clinical discussion groups, the School offers the following programme of activities. This programme is addressed to students, colleagues in related clinical fields, and psychoanalysts who wish to take up the particularity of their interest in relation to psychoanalysis; from those with a specific theoretical or clinical interest to those who seek a serious and rigorous formation as Lacanian psychoanalysts.



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