*The Freudian School of Melbourne*

School of Lacanian Psychoanalysis

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2017

## CONFERENCE
## HOMAGE TO LACAN 2017

# THE FUTURE OF HERESY

Saturday September 2nd, Graduate Centre
Grattan St. University of Melbourne
9.00am- 4.00 pm

"It is the order explored beginning with my experience, I remind you, that has led me to this infernal triad ". Jacques Lacan.

In 1974-75 Lacan's seminar, already covering over twenty years duration, was entitled "R.S.I." This title played with meaning when pronounced as a homophone to " heresy". It thus speaks to his ongoing interrogation of orthodoxy and blindfolded faith with his persistent questioning of the fundamental concepts of psychoanalysis. He continued to refuse to accept the finality of a theory of knowledge, however well it might be framed in relation to Freud as the founder of a discourse, seeing in the organisational inheritance and institutionalisation a potentially lethal danger to the creative requirements of any particular analysis.

R : The real, S : The symbolic, I : The imaginary, Lacan's three registers or categories, his infernal triad, invented as a means of working the nature of the unconscious as Symbolic structure, product of language ; the Imaginary as origin of identifications even narcissism; and the Real, here privileged as the limit to knowledge.

Is heresy not a necessity when man's neurotic disposition, continues to impel him towards the acceptance of religious beliefs, both personal and organised, which posit the forms of Heaven and Hell as a final answer to human suffering?
What is the future of the heretical aspects of Lacan's teaching in informing and directing our work, both theoretical and clinical? Is there a future that is not but an illusion?
Members and analysts will present their work on this seminar and the school invites an audience to engage with this endeavour.

## 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.

### "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.

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 7th March 2017.
Convenor: Michael Gerard Plastow.
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This seminar endeavours to grapple with the developmental beings of the child and the adult, in order to disentangle from them the psychoanalytic subject. In 2017 we will begin to take this up by studying Freud's notion of narcissism, and Lacan's elaboration of this as the mirror stage. We will also elaborate this in reference to Lacan's Seminar I, Freud's Papers on Technique.

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.

### "THE FATHER IN PSYCHOANALYSIS."

First Saturday of the month 9.00am-10.30am, March to December.
Convenor: Megan Williams, 0417 728 738; megan@mwilliams.com.au.

This seminar aims to draw what is of interest to psychoanalytic practice from a consideration of the Freudian and Lacanian Oedipus complex, paternal function and later developments.

The seminar will continue in 2017, commencing with a study of the father as considered in Seminar XXII, R.S.I.
This seminar is open to participants with an interest in psychoanalysis.

### "MY BARBARIC YAWP: PRODUCING THE VOICE OF PSYCHOANALYSIS."

Commencing in April 2017, details to be advised. Convenor: Peter Gunn 9347 1707

This seminar is an attempt to respond to Lacan's demand, articulated particularly in his later work, to make the unconscious present as voice in the clinic. It is structured around presentations by participants which address the challenges which this demand presents in their own clinic, with the clinic being understood broadly as a place of transferential saying. On that basis, the seminar will draw on those 'littoral' fields, such as art and literature, which, as Lacan indicates in Lituraterre, also outline the edge of the hole in the saying of knowledge.

## READING SEMINARS

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

Freud's writings on art
*Dreams and Delusions in Jensen's Gradiva -Vol IX St. Edition.* Last Saturday of the month 11.00am-1.00pm.

Lacan's *Seminar X - Anxiety 1962-3*
Last Saturday of the month 3.00pm-5.00pm
Convenor: Linda Clifton, (03) 9509 9396..

Freud's *Later Works*
Third Saturday of the month 11.00-1.00pm
Convenor: Sarah Jones Ferguson,
8899 7753.

**"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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