



*The Freudian School
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School of Lacanian Psychoanalysis



**ANNUAL CONFERENCE
HOMAGE TO LACAN 2012**

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Saturday September 1st
1888 Building, Graduate Centre
Grattan Street, (near cnr of Swanston Street)
University of Melbourne
9.00am - 4.00pm

“A layman will no doubt find it hard to understand how pathological disorders of the body and mind can be eliminated by ‘mere’ words. He will feel that he is being asked to believe in magic. And he will not be so very wrong, for the words which we use in our everyday speech are nothing other than watered-down magic.”

- Sigmund Freud

“I’ll spill my guts about the analytic discourse’s response to the question; what can I know? Reply: nothing in any case that doesn’t have the structure of language...”

- Jacques Lacan

*“O brave new world,
That has such people in it!”*

- William Shakespeare, “The Tempest”

What today is the relationship between psychoanalysis and the net of psychiatry?

Where dwells the place for the word when scientific research and technological advances seduce our impressions?

Will we still adhere to a past mysticism, to charlatan practice, when the only true truth is experimental rigour, evidence based facts and biological dictums? There’s a battery of tests available, a diagnosis for each (if you lack a current classification for your disease, don’t despair, it will soon be forthcoming) and a potion (biochemical not magical) for every ailment.

Still, the mind seems stubborn in refusing the invitation to become just product of the body. And who knows his own mind, let alone his unconscious desire?

Why do we need to remain stuck in old conflicts, to fight the model of medicine when its methods, modalities and utility are indisputable? It’s just not universally applicable. In Plato’s Symposium, in the context of a discourse on love, Lacan finds a definition of medicine which he thinks quite apt in regard to psychoanalysis – a knowledge of the loves of the body. Within the domain of this knowledge we still find a place for the function of words which move us; the magic of words, the casting of spells and the lifting of curses.

It is precisely in this knowledge of the loves of the body that psychoanalysis slips through the net of psychiatry, leaving for its codification and consumption the loveless body.

Perhaps there remains a place for speech and its power, for the questions of love and transference, for the knowledge that arrives within the limits of the logic of language.

HOMAGE TO LACAN - PROGRAMME

Saturday, 1st September 2012



8.50-9.00AM	Registration
9.00-10.30AM	Presentation of Papers
10.30-11.00AM	Morning Tea
11.00AM-12.00PM	Presentation of Papers
12.00-1.00PM	Lunch
1.00-2.00PM	Presentation of Papers
2.00-2.30PM	Afternoon Tea
2.30-3.30PM	Presentation of Papers & General Discussion

“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.



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Homage to Lacan \$90 pre-paid \$110 on the day \$30 students

Registration includes lunch, morning and afternoon tea

Total: \$

Name

Address

Town **State** **Postcode**

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SPEAKERS AND PAPER TITLES

“Anaesthesia”

David Pereira, Analyst of the School

“Involuntary Freedom”

Rodney Kleiman, Analyst of the School

“Scientific sexuality’ or sex as a verb? psychiatry or psychoanalysis?”

Alicia Evans, Analyst Member of the School

“The Return of the Vagabond”

Peter Gunn, Analyst Member of the School

“Psychoanalysis and the Multi-disciplinary team - a bad joke?”

Malcolm Morgan, Analyst Member of the School

“No left turn”

Peta Welsh, Member of the School

“A non-cure for desire: the analyst’s listening machine”

Michael Currie, Member of the School

“The archive of art. A psychoanalytic response to psychiatric collections of “outsider” art”

Tina Weller, Member of the School

“Statistically Speaking”

Madeline Andrews, Member of the School



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