



*The Freudian School
of Melbourne*

School of Lacanian Psychoanalysis



Annual Conference

MADNESS???

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 5TH 2020

CONFERENCE
HOMAGE TO LACAN 2020

MADNESS ???

Saturday September 5th
HOSTED ON ZOOM
10.00am - 2.00pm

“It remains for the future to decide whether there is more delusion in my theory than I should like to admit, or more truth in Schreber’s delusion than other people are as yet prepared to believe.”
S. Freud. Notes on a case of paranoia

“It is the business of reason to recognize the drama of madness, because it is in man’s relation to the signifier that this drama is situated.”
J. Lacan Ecrits

“Though this be madness, yet there is method in it.”
Shakespeare’s Hamlet

The conceptualisation of madness, not simply reducible to nor contained within a diagnostic structure called psychosis, continues to pose questions to the method of analysis and to analysts. Is it amenable to said method in any approach constitutive of a possible treatment?

What is the relationship of madness to the manifestations of neurosis and the practices of perversion which clinical experience and everyday occurrence displays are far from devoid of a certain craziness?

Is the apparent irrationality of the phenomena of psychosis, the delusional expression and hallucinatory experience, actually devoid of a latent meaning notwithstanding the irrelevance of the manifest content to any generally accepted construction of reality? After all, if reality is a fantastic concept for mankind, what truth does madness potentially point us towards in considering the manner in which all are subjected to language and the consequent problematics of the “unconscious”?

The school reengages this year with these and many other questions which madness poses to us, in an ongoing appraisal of what a listening to the “martyrs” of language can produce when they testify with a truthfulness unobtainable from any other witness, no matter how reliably one might swear to tell their truth. The school invites others to engage in this work of questioning in response to the presentations by its membership.

MADNESS??? PROGRAMME

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10.00 - 11.30AM	Presentation of papers
11.30AM - 12.00PM	Break
12.00 - 2.00PM	Presentation of papers

“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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FSM HOMAGE TO LACAN: Saturday September 5th, 2020

“Believing in madness.”

Rodney Kleiman

Analyst of the School

“On the Verge: The Abyss of the Subject”

Peter Gunn

Analyst Member of the School

“Madness and the Law of the Mother”

Christiane Weller

Member of the School

Of the Epicure at the end of analysis:

“A round of applause for the ...”

Alex Karkar

Member of the School

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