



program of theoretical and clinical studies in psychoanalysis

four year course

In 2016 the ACP will continue to offer its long-established four year study program. This well proven course aims at engaging participants in a systematic study of the key concepts of Freudian and Lacanian psychoanalysis. Particular emphasis is given to psychoanalytic ethics and practice. The program provides a firm theoretical foundation for those wishing to undertake the tripartite training necessary to form (or train) as a psychoanalyst with the ACP. Each year the course runs over two semesters each of fourteen weeks duration.

**introductory year:
theory of the unconscious and the drive**

The first year of the Program aims to introduce participants to the foundational concepts of Freud's work and their elaboration by Jacques Lacan and application in clinical practice. This involves a comprehensive study of the formations of the unconscious and the epistemological, philosophical and clinical questions they give rise to. Followed by an introduction to the concept of the drive and sexuality in the work of Freud and Lacan. The study of the drive is fundamental because it distinguishes sexuality within the field of psychoanalysis from that of instinct and reproduction. The teaching encompasses the structure of the drive, Lacan's unique theory of the object, and the complex topic of sexual identity and sexuation.

second year:

psychopathology and transference

The second year of the Program involves the rigorous study of Freud's theory of psychopathology and the clinical structures identified by Freud and following him Lacan. Each structure, and the concomitant symptoms they give rise to, is then studied in depth: the neuroses (conversion hysteria, anxiety hysteria and obsessional neurosis), the psychoses (paranoia, schizophrenia, melancholia) and perversion. These structures are explored and compared with current nosological categories. Case studies are examined to ground the participants' knowledge in the clinical practice of psychoanalysis. In addition, participants of the second year study the fundamental concept of transference, considering its elaboration by Freud, Lacan and a number of post Freudian psychoanalysts.

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introductory course in psychoanalysis

The ACP will offer its well established Introductory Course in 2016. This one year, once a week, course, provides an accessible entry point for those interested in the work of Sigmund Freud and Jacques Lacan. Of practical and theoretical benefit, the course has a particular focus on Freud's six case studies. The course runs for 23 sessions across two semesters.

Please direct inquiries regarding the Introductory Course to:
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