



**australian  
centre for  
psychoanalysis**

Inc A0019394K ABN 28 638 225 012

**AND**



**THE LACAN CIRCLE OF MELBOURNE**

# Colloquium

Saturday, September 16, 2017

9.00am - 1.00pm

Treacy Conference Centre, 126 The Avenue, Parkville.

# PROGRAM

Saturday September 16

9.00am - 9.30am

**Registration**

9.30

**Silvia Rodríguez**

The Real: hallucinations, formations of the unconscious, symptom, partner

*What cannot be symbolized or given imaginary sense appears in the real in different shapes. This paper is an introduction to the apparitions of the real.*

10.00

**David Ferraro**

Anxiety under Capitalism

*The growing predominance of the capitalist discourse has ramifications for every aspect of clinical praxis. The aim of the present discussion is to examine this problematic in the light of Lacan's teachings on anxiety, wherein anxiety shares the structure of fantasy, and both are delimited by the horizons of contemporary political economy and biopolitics.*

10.30

**Serena Smith**

Real and Cause

*We know Lacan begins his seminar teaching with the registers of the symbolic, imaginary and real differentiated but not fully developed. The real is the register he takes the longest to develop. I will argue it is with the concept of the object that the real begins to be more fully examined by Lacan, the first trace being its appearance as the field of 'The Thing' in the seminar on ethics, and then, more specifically, in his invention of **objet a** in his seminar on anxiety. In this paper I will consider what changes about the object in Seminar X and explore this change with reference to the phenomenon of anxiety, said to be the symptom of our time! For Lacan anxiety is the 'sign/signal' of the real. How might this assist us understand the challenges of the contemporary clinic?*

11.00

**Morning Coffee**

11.30

**Joanna Shemansky**

Unconscious and the real

*In Lacan's teaching and training, the emphasis is placed on the linguistic and structural aspect of the unconscious, rendering this essential psychoanalytic concept as symbolic and ethical rather than ontic. This presentation will focus on the inherent link between gap-like structure of the unconscious and sexuality in which the subject reveals himself by means of the pulsating partial drives. The affinity between both seems to go a bit further, namely to the lack of the knowledge of sexuation, thus suggesting some kind of fundamental negativity in the real that structures sexuality and knowledge precisely at the point of the unconscious.*

12.00

**Leonardo S. Rodríguez**

The real and language

*Lacan's re-workings of his definitions of the three registers of the subject's experience and his theses on the relations between language and discourse have led to a revision of our conceptions of the links between the real and language and of the psychoanalytic experience itself.*

12.30

**Kate Briggs**

Dissociation and the real: disordered affect and its treatment by perversion

*This paper considers what we might learn from vignettes of case material indicating the treatment of a sense of unreality by way of masochistic enactments. While contemporary interpersonal psychoanalysts and 'trauma informed' practices consider dissociation in terms of 'self states', when in 1967 Lacan refers to the unconscious as a matter of 'not remembering what you know', he points to a knowledge that does not represent the subject. So following Freud, it is between the subject and the real of trauma that jouissance is sought to frame the real in perverse traits and structures.*

# THE SPEAKERS

**Dr. Kate Briggs** is a practicing psychoanalyst and a lecturer in the School of Counselling at the Australian College of Applied Psychology. She has published on sublimation and symptom formation and recently contributed to *Notes on the Child. A collection of essays on contemporary Lacanian child and adolescent clinical practice*. Her essays on contemporary art have appeared in catalogues and books such as *Radical Revisionism: An Anthology of Writings on Australian Art*. Kate is a member of the Lacan Circle of Melbourne, a clinical member of PACFA and Convenor of the Australian College of Counselling and Psychotherapy Educators.

**Dr David Ferraro** is a psychoanalyst in private practice, President of the Lacan Circle of Melbourne, and co-editor of the journal *Psychoanalysis Lacan*. He has published on psychoanalysis, philosophy, and the use of 'mental health' as a field of discipline and control.

**Dr Leonardo S. Rodríguez** is a psychoanalyst and a founding member of the ACP and of the School of Psychoanalysis of the Forums of the Lacanian Field.

**Silvia A. Rodríguez** is a psychoanalyst and a founding member of the Australian Centre for Psychoanalysis and of the School of Psychoanalysis of the Forums of the Lacanian Field. She is the current President of the ACP.

**Joanna Shemansky** has received her Masters of Psychology from Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland. Currently she is an analyst-in-formation and Secretary of the Lacan Circle of Melbourne.

**Dr Serena Smith** is a psychoanalyst in private practice, with a special interest in work with children and adolescents. She co-ordinates the ACP Four-Year Program of Clinical and Theoretical Studies and teaches in the program. She has a long standing research interest in the question of the Lacanian object. She has been researching the 'Lacanian object' and would like to put forward some ideas with respect to the relation between the object and the real.

## SEMINAR REGISTRATION INFORMATION



**Colloquium - 16 September 2017**  
Treacy Conference Centre,  
126 The Avenue Parkville, Victoria.

**COST: ACP/LCM Colloquium, 16.09.2017**

**\$30 admission**

Payments can be made by:

**1. Electronic Transfer:**

Transfer the payment amount to the Australian Centre for Psychoanalysis account Commonwealth, BSB: 063172, Account Number: 1015 3043.

If paying via electronic funds transfer, please include your name and *Colloquium* as a message OR advise the Treasurer of payment by email.

**2. Cheque:**

Payable to the **Australian Centre for Psychoanalysis**.

Post payment to:

**The Treasurer, Australian Centre for Psychoanalysis, PO Box 509, Carlton South VIC 3053.**

**3. Credit card:**

Please send amount to be deducted as well as card details (name on card, number, expiry date) and email address for bank receipt to the following email: [barbara.hubl@psychoanalysis.org.au](mailto:barbara.hubl@psychoanalysis.org.au) or above P.O. Box.

NOTE: (all credit card payments include a surcharge of 1.8%)

**4. Cash:**

At the Registration desk before the Colloquium