We shall commence our work on the ethics and praxis of psychoanalysis on **Saturday March 8, 2014**, 8-11am (8am sharp), at the Treacy Conference Centre, 126 The Avenue, Parkville. An outline of the program and a list of texts are attached.

I will conduct the first four seminars and Veronica Sinclair will be in charge of the remaining three. [Veronica’s email: veronica.sinclair@bigpond.com]

The topics and texts to be studied are at the core of psychoanalysis and the formation of a psychoanalyst. Yet they concern matters that have occupied humans since the advent of civilization – not only philosophers and other thinkers, but also the ordinary peoples of all times. Hence the significance of the ethical dimension of our praxis, brought to us in concrete forms by each of our patients and present in each of our own acts.

As we have established in previous seminars, exchanges (in the form of reflections, comments, questions or papers) in between our meetings are most welcome. They have become an active part of our style of study. You are invited to start sending your contributions right now.

I look forward to another productive and enjoyable series of seminars.

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1 MARCH 8  Introduction to the ethics of psychoanalysis

Ethical questions in the works of Freud


The moral law and the superego according to Freud


The Oedipus complex and the law


Clinical examples

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2 MARCH 15 Kant’s categorical imperative and the superego.


The Oedipus complex and the prohibition of incest: the critique of Claude Lévi-Strauss.


Melanie Klein and the analysis of the superego.


Clinical examples

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3 MARCH 22 The ethics of psychoanalysis according to Lacan: desire and the law, jouissance, the pleasure principle, the Thing.


Clinical examples

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4 MARCH 29 The Thing and the object $a$.

Lacan, J. *The Ethics*, op. cit. Ch. VI.


Kant and Sade, Kant with Sade.

Lacan, J. *The Ethics*, op. cit. Ch. VI.

Clinical examples

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5 APRIL 5 Ethics and tragedy: *Antigone, Oedipus Rex, Oedipus at Colonus, King Lear*.

Lacan, J. *The Ethics*, op. cit. Ch. XIX-XXI.

*Shakespeare, W. (1623) *King Lear*,

*Sophocles* *The Oedipus Trilogy: Antigone, Oedipus Rex, Oedipus at Colonus*.

* Several editions available

Clinical examples

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The moral goals of psychoanalysis (I)

The desire of the analyst

Lacan, J. *The Ethics*, op. cit. Ch. XXII-XXIV.

Clinical examples

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The moral goals of psychoanalysis (II)

Guilt, depression, melancholia

Lacan, J. *The Ethics*, op. cit. Ch. XXII-XXIV.

Clinical examples