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Sydney Lacan Workshop 2017 The Real and Reality in Psychoanalysis and Beyond

Saturday November 11th
761 Darling Street, Rozelle
RANZ College of Psychiatrists NSW Branch HQ

9.00 - 9.15 **Registration**

9.15 - 9.30 **Welcome and Introduction**

Dr. Ofelia Brozky

9.30 - 10.20 **Night cries: an evocation of the Real.**

Prof. Gill Straker

10.20 -10.30 **Discussion**

This session begins with a viewing of the short film Night Cries. This is an early work by Tracey Moffatt, Australia's representative at the 2017 Venice biennale. The session continues with a close reading of this film from a Lacanian perspective indicating how it lays bare the workings of the Real, the Imaginary and the Symbolic even as it invites us into contemplation of the complexities of race relations, power dynamics, cultural assimilation and hybridity.

Gill Straker is a clinical professor in Psychology University of Sydney and a visiting research professor University Witwatersrand South Africa.

She is a psychoanalytic psychotherapist and supervisor in private practice; is the director of Centre for Applied Studies in Psychotherapy and Counselling and is involved in a number of psychoanalytically oriented training programmes.

She has worked with UNHCR on programmes for refugees and survivors of torture and detention. She was involved in Detainees Counselling Services in South Africa and was a founding member of the Sanctuaries Counselling Team providing services to individuals on the run from the Apartheid State. She has published in the areas of continuous traumatic stress, whiteness, and integrative approaches to psychoanalytic psychotherapy

Gill is a member of the ACP and the Sydney Lacan Seminar.

10.30- 11.00 **Morning tea**

11.00 - 11.20 **Serge Leclaire - a glimpse at his life and work, the phantasm and the Real**

Barbara Spicer

11.20 - 11.30 **Discussion**

A brief consideration of the life and work of Serge Leclaire, the first French Lacanian, and how his understanding of the phantasm might be considered in respect to the Real.

Barbara Spicer is a second year student in the Melbourne ACP program of clinical and theoretical studies. She has been a psychologist for many years and her work has principally involved the management and provision of counselling services to adolescents and parents in the secondary school context and a broader consultancy role to school management regarding systemic issues. Barbara has recently relinquished much of her school based work and has commenced in private practice with young people and adults, developing her capacity to work from a Lacanian psychoanalytic perspective.

11.30 - 12.00 **Certified Copy (The indifference of capitalism)**

Gary Gallagher

12.00 - 12.10 **Discussion**

"A certificate tells me that I was born. I repudiate this certificate: I am not a poet, but a poem. A poem that is being written, even if it looks like a subject."

Lacan - The Four Fundamental Concepts of Psychoanalysis - Preface to the English Edition

What establishes the possibility of substituting one thing for another, of essentially confusing one thing for another? What allows for exchange? Lacan orientates this question by elaborating a function he calls the phallus.

Gary Gallagher is a member of the ACP. He works as a nurse in respiratory medicine at the Alfred Hospital in Melbourne.

12.15 - 1.15 **Lunch**

1.20 - 1.50 **Psychoanalysis: the Real and reality**

Nicol Thomas

1.50 - 2.00 **Discussion**

Gender diversity as a 'norm' is becoming a 'reality' of the 21st century. In this presentation, I would like to discuss what this might mean for the psychoanalyst of the Lacanian clinic. Gender diversity is a new(ish) signifier that is emerging in the reality of the political world at large—and thus making an effect in the Symbolic Order—but it also has always signaled to the psychoanalyst that the subject has something to say about the Real of the sexed body. Utilizing two clinical vignettes of gender-diverse (specifically 'trans') patients, I would like to explore what can be signaled for Lacanian psychoanalysis in regards to the Real of the gender diverse subject of the clinic, but also the reality of the political 'Symbolic' position of this emerging body; what position can the Lacanian analyst take in their praxis for the speaking-being of a 'trans' subject? Jean-Claude Milner reminds us about the political/subjective distinction between the rights of the man and the rights of the citizen, which casts a fledgling light on the distinction between the Real and 'reality'. The question we can consider is, what does this have to do with Lacanian praxis, in the clinic and also out of the clinic?

Nicol Thomas is a psychoanalyst in private practice and a member of the Australian Centre for Psychoanalysis and the Forum of Melbourne IF-SPFLF. She is also on the editorial team of 'Analysis: The Journal of the Australian Centre for Psychoanalysis'.

2.00 - 2.30 **Compassionate responses**

Renee Symonds

2.30 - 2.40 **Discussion**

This paper describes The Holocaust Awareness Program I wrote and conduct for the staff at the Sir Moses Montefiore Jewish Home. The Program aims to put words in place for the staff who work

with aged, frail and cognitively impaired Holocaust Survivors of our Home. Many of our residents present with late onset PTSD. For them, indeed for all of us, perhaps, The Holocaust remains “outside representation”. So how to educate Staff (who come from many differing backgrounds) in caring for and treating residents who have “lived a life akin to death”, whose traumatic triggers never leave. Some staff have experienced traumatic events in their own backgrounds. Some staff have never heard of The Holocaust and are expected in their daily duties to work effectively and compassionately with traumatised residents. A more psychologically expanded training program is run for Allied Health Departments of Hospitals and Area Health Departments. This paper addresses the theme of our day from The Real and Reality...the reality now includes the fact that the paper has been accepted for publication next February.

Renee Symonds is a Clinical Psychologist in private practice and an analyst in training. She is a member of the ACP and the Sydney Lacan Seminar.

She is a Board member of The Sir Moses Montefiore Jewish Home, home to 720 residents of which 40% are Holocaust Survivors. She also works at The Sydney Jewish Museum running workshops for Allied Health Hospital Staff and debriefing the Museum staff who deal with the Survivors who guide at the Museum. Many of the Survivor guides (ranging in age from 85-99) have symptoms of Late Onset Post Traumatic Stress. Renee runs a Focus Group at the Museum for these Museum Survivor Guides.

2.45 - 3.00 Concluding remarks and questions

Full Cost: \$120 Members of ACP: \$100 Concessions: \$60
Includes lunch, morning and afternoon tea
Information and reservations: Ofelia Brozky 0425-221269
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