The psychoses – Part I 2014

The first three seminars will be conducted by Leonardo Rodríguez; the fourth (on May 31st) by Lena Andary; and the fifth ansd sixth by Leonardo Rodríguez. All seminars are to be held at the Treacy Conference Centre, 126 The Avenue, Parkville, on Saturdays from 8am to 11am.

We shall use our own clinical experience and conceptual reflection as well as some key psychoanalytic texts. The psychoanalytic literature on the psychoses is vast. I have selected texts which I believe to be most relevant for our current approach to the understanding and treatment of the psychoses. My selection, however, is somehow arbitrary. The exclusion of some fundamental texts (in particular, works by post-Freudian analysts other than Lacan) should not imply that they are not valuable contributions: it is rather a matter of practical necessity, as the list of recommended texts is considerably large as it is.

We will not study the psychiatric texts in detail, but they have been included because in actual clinical practice it is necessary to be minimally familiar with the language and approaches of contemporary psychiatry regarding the psychoses.

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1 MAY 10 Phenomenology, theory and treatment of the psychoses: fundamental problems. Psychoanalysis and psychiatry.

Recommended texts:

American Psychiatric Association (2013) *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders*, Fifth Edition. Washington DC and London, American Psychiatric Publishing. Sections 'Schizophrenia Spectrum and Other Psychotic Disorders', 'Bipolar and Related Disorders' and 'Depressive Disorders'.

Freud, S. (1911c) Psycho-Analytic Notes on an Autobiographical Account of a Case of Paranoia (Dementia Paranoides). SE 12:3. Introduction and Chapters II ('Attempts ant Interpretation') and III ('On the Mechanism of Paranoia').

Lacan, J. (1993) *The Seminar, Book III, The Psychoses, 1955-1956*. New York and London, Norton. Chapter I ('Introduction to the question of the psychoses').

Laplanche, J. and Pontalis, J.-B. (1980) *The Language of Psycho-Analysis*. London, Hogarth and the Institute of Psycho-Analysis. Article 'Psychosis'.

Sadock, B.J. and Sadock, V.A. (2000) *Comprehensive Textbook of Psychiatry*, Seventh Edition. Philadelphia, Lippincott Williams & Wilkins. Volume 1, Sections 7 ('Diagnosis and Psychiatry'); 8 ('Clinical Manifestations of Psychiatric Disorders'); 9 ('Classification of

Mental Disorders'); 12 ('Schizophrenia'); 13 ('Other Psychotic Disorders'); 14 ('Mood Disorders'). Volume 2, Section 24 ('Personality Disorders').

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2 MAY 17 Freud's theses on the psychoses and Lacan's contributions.

Recommended texts:

Freud, S. (1924b) Neurosis and Psychosis. SE 19:149.

Freud, S. (1924e) The Loss of Reality in Neurosis and Psychosis. SE 19:183.

Lacan, J. (1993) *The Seminar, Book III, The Psychoses, 1955-1956*. New York and London, Norton. Chapter VI ('The psychotic phenomenon and its mechanism') and Chapter XXV ('The phallus and the meteor').

Lacan, J. (2005) *Le Séminaire, Livre XXIII, Le sinthome, 1975-1976*. Paris, Seuil. Chapters I-VI. [English translation available: www.lacaninireland.com]

Schneiderman, S. (1980) Returning to Freud: Clinical Psychoanalysis in the School of Lacan. New Haven and London, Yale University Press. Chapter 1 ('A Lacanian Psychosis: Interview by Jacques Lacan'). [Re-printed as How Lacan's Ideas Are Used in Clinical Practice. New Jersey, Jason Aronson, 1994]

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3 MAY 24 Diagnostic questions and their relevance for clinical interventions.

Recommended texts:

Freud, S. (1917e [1915]) Mourning and Melancholia. SE 14:237.

Leader, D. (2008) *The New Black: Mourning, Melancholia and Depression*. London, Hamish Hamilton/Penguin. Chapter 1.

Leader, D. (2011) What is Madness?. London, Hamish Hamilton/Penguin. Chapter 2.

Leader, D. (2013) Strictly Bipolar. London, Penguin.

Plus the texts recommended for the first two seminars.

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4 MAY 31 A case history presented and discussed by Lena Andary.

Recommended texts:

Declercq, F. (2002) The real of the body in Lacanian theory. *Analysis* 11:99-114. Freud, S. (1915e) The Unconscious. SE 14:161. Chapter VII.

Lacan, J. (1993) *The Seminar, Book III, The Psychoses, 1955-1956.* New York and London, Norton. Chapters II and XI.

Lombardi, G. (2012) The Organ Language of Schizophrenia and the Corpse Language of Melancholia. *Analysis* 17:29-34.

Plus the texts recommended for the previous seminars.

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5 JUNE 7 Questions arising from Lena's case.

Recommended texts:

Same texts as for the previous seminars.

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6 JUNE 14 Questions arising from Lena's case and the texts previously studied.

Recommended texts:

Same texts as for the previous seminars.
