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**XVIII SYMPOSIUM**

*Psychoanalysis, the Real and Reality*

Saturday 27 May

9am - 1pm

Treacy Conference Centre, 126 The Avenue, Parkville

# PROGRAM

Saturday May 27

9.00am-9.30am

Registration

9.30am-10.00am

Silvia Rodríguez: *Introduction to the theme: Psycho-analysis, the Real and Reality.*

The Real, conceptualized by Lacan and present already in Freud's work under different names, concerns what previously had been regarded as the 'delusion of reason': hallucination, passage into the act, acting out. These phenomena confront the subject with what was not inscribed in history, that which the symbolic order could not register, thus becoming a truth ignored by the subject as an impossible knowledge. This paper will review Lacan's concept in the light of Freud's work, from the *Project for a Scientific Psychology* (1895) to 'Splitting of the Ego in the Process of Defence' (1938), to then consider Lacan's latest approach in *Seminar XXIII, The Sinthome* (1975-76).

10.00am-10.30am

Susan Schwartz: *Sexual reality and the grimace of the real*

What is the relation between the "sexual reality" that Lacan refers to in 1964 in *Seminar XI, The Four Fundamental Concepts of Psychoanalysis*, and the notion of the "grimace of the real" a term he employs in *Television*, the collection of the texts of the broadcasts that Lacan gave in 1973? It will be the task of this paper to explore sexual reality in connection with the real that slips away only to reappear in the jouissance of repetition or in the symptom, and the implications that this has for the particularity of analytic treatment.

10.30am-10.50am

Morning Tea

10.50am-11.20am

Gary Gallagher: *The knowledge that counts is false*

[...] what I prefer is a discourse without words, which means nothing other than this discourse that writing supports.

Jacques Lacan, 5 February 1969

# PROGRAM

Saturday May 27 continued

11.20am-11.50am

Esther Faye: *The real of psychoanalysis ... ou pire, capitalist reality*

In the early 1970s, Lacan elaborated the formula that would become the paradigm of the Real proper to psychoanalysis – the impossible Real of “there is no sexual relation”, or more precisely, that there is no such relation that can be written in the unconscious. At our current moment in history this understanding of the Real could be considered the only antidote to what has become more and more apparent: the dangerous push towards the worst, as is indicated by the title of Lacan’s seminar ...ou pire. The worst is what will come from the belief that such a relation is possible. The denial of its impossibility, the denial of castration in other words, which is the promise held out by the discourse of capitalism and the reality it constructs through its increasing grip on the global political landscape, can only lead to the worst – to the sacrifice to the dark god that Lacan spoke of in *The Four Fundamental Concepts of Psychoanalysis*. My paper will explore the structure of the capitalist discourse and how it is productive of a reality that in being antithetical to the foundational premise of Lacanian psychoanalysis leaves the parlêtre more and more exposed to the push to the worst.

11.50am-12.00pm

Break

12.00am-12.30pm

Serena Smith: *Iterations of the real in Lacan*

The paper will aim to outline some of the important iterations of the register of the Real in Lacan’s teaching. In addition, it will examine how the real manifests itself in everyday life. The imaginary and the symbolic provide us with “semblants” of the real, but we might experience its presence elsewhere.

12.30pm-1.00pm

Leonardo Rodríguez: *The real subject of the psycho-analytic experience*

The psychoanalytic experience questions the subject’s sense of reality and reveals the order of the real behind it. This real is not homogeneous or consistent, and always surprising in its effects. It takes the collaborative effort of analysand and analyst to treat it: the only claim psychoanalysis has to a sustainable therapeutic dimension.

## SEMINAR REGISTRATION INFORMATION



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