

THE EXPERIENCE OF AN ANALYSIS

THE TRANS-PACIFIC LACAN STUDY DAY
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This year's Transpacific Study Day proposes to examine what it means to speak 'of' ('de' in French, which also means 'from' in this context) the experience of an analysis, that is to speak both 'of' the experience and 'from' the experience itself.

We use the expression 'being in analysis' but what is the experience of an analysis, and moreover, of a Lacanian analysis? What is the 'being' of a subject in analysis? And what is really experienced in analysis? What is this journey about, from the moment of entry into analysis, which does not necessarily coincide with the first appointment, up to the end, following the elaborations of the subject's symptom, in the twists and turns of a long and tortuous path?

The whole experience of analysis is supported by a link of transference. If for Freud transference is based on a love that is repeated, because it is considered as a repetition of what makes one love or not love a certain type of object in life, for Lacan, it is the "subject supposed to know" (1) that is at the foundation of transference, as a certain mode of jouissance.



Language is the only vehicle for this experience and the analysand's speech, because it is addressed to a psychoanalyst, echo of an unconscious that is constantly at work.

Indeed, for Lacan, the treatment, while being based on language and the use of signifiers - following his famous formula: "the unconscious is structured like a language", not all of the unconscious is deciphered in analysis. There remains in the body a part of untreatable jouissance, resistant to meaning. It concerns what Lacan elaborates at the end of his teaching, the real that constitutes the core of the symptom, which, in so far as it is incurable, can only leave the analysand faced with the question of 'knowing-how' to do with this real.

Analysis has undeniable therapeutic effects, as we have known since Freud. But it is also the component of the formation of the psychoanalyst, the analysand occupying the place of the analyst when the analysis has been carried through to its conclusion: the analyst is the product of an analysis, he "is made of the object a. 'Made', that is: he makes himself be produced; from the object a: with some [de l'] object a" (2). Lacan invented the dispositif of the pass, a testimony based on the analysand's singular experience about how "he has, in this object, verified the cause of [his] desire" (3), an unprecedented one.

1. **(1) LACAN, J. 2001 PROPOSITION SUR LE PSYCHANALYSTE DE L'ECOLE, AUTRES ECRITS, P.248, PARIS, SEUIL**
2. **(2) LACAN, J. 2001 L'ACTE PSYCHANALYTIQUE : COMPTE RENDU DU SÉMINAIRE 1967-68, AUTRES ECRITS, P.379 PARIS, LE SEUIL (TRANSLATION IN ENGLISH BY C. GALLAGHER AVAILABLE ONLINE AT WWW.LACANINIRELAND.COM)**
3. **(3) IBID. P.375**

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PROGRAM

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1.15PM AEST ZOOM LINK OPENS

1.30 PM WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Raina Pitoëff, Member of the IF-EPFCL in Papeete, Tahiti (spoken French) and Barbara Hübl, Member of the IF-SPFLF, & the Australian Centre for Psychoanalysis in Melbourne (spoken English).

1.45PM LEONARDO RODRIGUEZ - THE DISTINCTIVE MARKS OF LACANIAN PSYCHOANALYSIS

AUSTRALIA (SPOKEN IN ENGLISH, FRENCH TEXT SCREEN SHARED)

The work of Lacan has left distinctive marks not only in the theory of psychoanalysis but also in contemporary social sciences. These marks are supported by a modality of clinical practice which, although not unified as a set of technical rules or clinical guidelines, has nevertheless features that distinguish it from other psychoanalytic orientations. They concern the direction of the treatment towards aims that are well defined yet in a state of permanent critical revision, as they are applied to the historically evolving creatures that we are.

Leonardo S. Rodríguez, PhD, is a psychoanalyst, founding member of the ACP, founding member and Analyst Member of the School of Psychoanalysis of the Forums of the Lacanian Field, author of Psychoanalysis with Children and numerous book chapters and papers on psychoanalytic theory and practice in several languages.



2.30PM ANGUS CRAIG - THE FALL OF THE (A)NALYSAND

NEW ZEALAND (SPOKEN IN ENGLISH, FRENCH TEXT SCREEN SHARED)

Psychoanalysis is a self-effacing treatment of the subject, so-long-supposed-to-know, engaged so eagerly at the outset, naïve of the fact that they will be left destitute. Transference is love, addressed to knowledge, expressed as knowledge of supposed suppléances for the sexual non-rapport... certainly giving what one does not have, to one who does not want for it. The cause of this is the cause of all work toward jouissance: the gravity of the object pulls the treatment forward, until, at the concluding, logical moment of pass to the analyst, its status as fallen is verified. The subject-analysand knows nothing of this final moment, because they have been disposed of, allowed to fall, in the same 'movement'. To speak, then, of a 'desire of this analyst' is to speak of a desire verified as desire in an absolute manner. Desire of the analyst, therefore, has no new cause, but may be de-a-ified.

Dr. Angus G. Craig is a Lacanian analysand and Clinical Psychologist. He practices primarily within a long-term mental health inpatient recovery centre, which comprises part of the Aotearoa/New Zealand public mental health system.

3PM BREAK

3.15PM VAIANA COUDERT-VAILLARD - DOES PSYCHOANALYSIS LEAD TO A BETTER POSITION IN LIFE?

NEW CALEDONIA (SPOKEN IN FRENCH, ENGLISH TEXT SCREEN SHARED)

One can imagine that what leads a person to analysis are difficulties in accomplishing what they would like to do. Symptoms, inhibitions or anxiety are all obstacles to desired or expected professional, social or emotional achievements. They are also the manifestation or an effect of the initial position adopted by the subject to assume/ensure his or her condition as a speaking being.

In analysis, it is a question of taking another position: to settle into a dispositif and to speak in the presence of an analyst, a speech that is not ordinary, not that of everyday life and not that of psychotherapy either. This speech made of free association unfolds in the opposite direction to the ideals and values, the norms and assignments that can pass in the discourses of an epoch. It will be a question of the subject reaching a position resulting from a separation, a singular position, beyond these discourses.

We will try to unfold the various ways in which a subject is led to take a certain position during the experience of a Lacanian analysis.

Vaiana Coudert-Vaillard, Psychoanalyst in New-Caledonia, Member of the International Forums-School of Psychoanalysis of the Forums in the Lacanian Field.



3.45PM SUSAN SCHWARZ - THE SAYING OF AN ANALYSIS

AUSTRALIA (SPOKEN IN ENGLISH, FRENCH TEXT SCREEN SHARED)

The Other gives the subject its "stuff", its topology, as Lacan says in Seminar XVI, From One Other to Another, and for the subject, an analysis is a process of separating from the Other, from its demand and its desire. However, everything that is said under transference only goes so far and an analysis can become mired in an endless search for meaning rather than being a treatment of jouissance. The experience of an analysis does not only reside in the unconscious truth that is said but also in the act of saying. This intervention will explore the distinction between the said and the saying, the remainder, precipitate of all that has been said in the course of an analysis that reaches its end in the singular saying that is the knotting of jouissances by the sinthome.

Susan Schwartz is a psychoanalyst practising in Melbourne. She is a member of the Forum of Melbourne, an Analyst Member of the School of Psychoanalysis of the Forums of the Lacanian Field and a Registered Practising Analyst with the Australian Centre for Psychoanalysis.

4.15PM CHANTAL DEGRIL - THE EXPERIENCE/EXPERIMENT OF THE PASS

NEW ZEALAND (SPOKEN IN FRENCH, ENGLISH TEXT SCREEN SHARED)

Lacan's 'Proposition of 9 October 1967 on the Psychoanalyst of the School' constituted an act on his part in which he proposed the pass as both an experience and an experiment. First of all, what is the pass? And why the pass? In this dispositif invented by Lacan, the passant is supposed to produce a saying that has the value of an analytic act which marks the passage from analysand to analyst. The pass is thought of as a supplement to what, in the analytic treatment, can only be structurally unfinished, that is the absence of the sexual relation. How is this moment evaluated and on what basis?

Chantal Degril, PhD, Practising Psychoanalyst, founding member of the NZ Forum, Member of the School of Psychoanalysis of the Forums of the Lacanian Field, current Representative of the Anglophone Zone (CRIF 2020-22).

4.45PM NICOL THOMAS - THE EXPERIENCE OF ANALYSIS; SELF-AUTHORIZATION AND A PLACE IN THE CARTEL

AUSTRALIA (SPOKEN IN ENGLISH, FRENCH TEXT SCREEN SHARED)

As part of the experience of an analysis, and perhaps the passage from analysand to analyst, the question of self-authorization comes into the field. Colette Soler entitles one of her short writings, 'Self-authorization? Yes, but how?' (Soler 2017)

As each subject brings their own question to the analyst, so too each subject brings their own question to a cartel. It is my contention that the cartel—a radically structured working group suggested by Lacan to cause a specific action—is also a place where the subjective question can make a passage, a pass as it were, from hysterical to historicized.

The cartel also speaks to the necessity of a wider social bond and a transmission of psychoanalysis that includes the self-authorization of each one participating in the cartel. The experience of a cartel forms one of the integral moments of the experience of analysis, and it is my contention in this presentation to transmit a little something of this fundamental experience, always bearing in mind that each cartel is unique, as each analysis is unique, and this is the experience of self-authorization.

References: Soler, Colette. 2017. 'Self-authorization? Yes, but how? In Analysis, no 21 2017. Australian Centre for Psychoanalysis. Ed L Rodríguez. 153-157.

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5.15 pm GENERAL DISCUSSION

Moderator: Carmelo Scuderi, Member of the Forum of Melbourne & President of the Australian Centre for Psychoanalysis.

5.45pm CLOSE

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