

The XXIV ACP Symposium/Forum of Melbourne Colloquium
27th May 2023 | 09:15am Australia/Melbourne

‘What anxiety enables to isolate, warrants the praxis of psychoanalysis a name - Erotology’

In person in Melbourne and/or by Zoom

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This seminar is free.

9:15am

Zoom room open

9:20am

Introduction

9:30am

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Silvia Rodríguez

Anxiety in Neurosis and Psychosis

Anxiety according to Freud is a signal, an alarm to bring in the mechanism of repression when the structure is able to put it in action.

What happens then when the structure does not include the possibility of setting in motion repression?

In each of these cases the analyst will be a very different object, in each of them there will be particular impasses.

10:00am

Dr Rostik Bershadsky is a Lacanian psychoanalyst, forensic clinician and criminologist. He is a member of the Australian Centre for Psychoanalysis and the Forum of Melbourne of the International of Forums of the Lacanian Field.

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Dr Rostik Bershadsky

The course of Seminar X: from the paradigm of love to Erotology

In the second lesson of the seminar on Anxiety Lacan provides his audience with a 'recipe for love', a formula which is contrasted to Hegelian doctrine – 'I desire you, even if I know it not'. Other than it being a radical challenge to articulation, the 'know it not', attests to the status of knowledge in desire, in relation to its object. Desire as such, in its authentic state, has nothing to offer in terms of knowledge, about its object. It doesn't recognise the object that is its cause, which is precisely what is not articulable.

The praxis of Erotology is summoned by Lacan to deal with the question of desire - the question desire raises as to its own cause. Object cause is situated in opposition to object aim for 'the object lies behind desire'. The cardinal shift made by Lacan takes us away from intentionality of desire towards its conditionality. Previously, desire in its intention, such as that of Seminar on Transference, appeared under the reign of love. It was the admirable 'agalmatic' object that oriented desire within the paradigm of the Phallus (Φ). The praxis of Erotology of Seminar X brings to the fore another paradigm, that of object petit a. The object that had been neglected, irreversibly estranged and expelled as a waste, a remainder.

I will try to extract a few further points on Lacan's attempts to situate this object little a as object cause of desire, while relying on anxiety-affect as a guiding compass.

10:30am

Break

11:00am

Nicol Thomas is a Registered Practicing Analyst with the Australian Centre for Psychoanalysis, an Analyst Member of the School of the IF-SPFLF and a Member of the Forum of Melbourne of the IF-SPFLF. She sustains a psychoanalytic practice in Melbourne, Australia.

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Nicol Thomas

The Analyst and Anxiety

Freud says “the ego is the sole seat of anxiety” (SE XXII:85)

For Lacan, the essential structure is called the fantasy: “You’ll see that the structure of anxiety is not far from it, for the reason that it’s well and truly the same [...] But for the analyst starting out in practice, it’s not ruled out [...] that he may feel some anxiety from his first dealings with the patient on the couch [...] is the anxiety that you know [...] the same as the patients?” (Seminar X: Anxiety: 3-5)

If we can speak of analyst and ego, then the ego of the divided subject who is in the position analyst is not in the position of the analyst in the discourse, the semblance of the objet a.

Following Freud’s formulation of anxiety with Lacan, I would like to pose some questions regarding the anxiety of the analyst in the clinic.

Where does anxiety fall with the position of the analyst? The Analyst is marked by anxiety, does that mean a fall from the position “analyst”?

11:30am

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.

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Leonardo Rodríguez

Anxiety in the clinic

The paper contains some reflections on anxiety, its phenomenology and its functions in the different clinical structures as manifested in the analytic experience. Extracts of case histories will illustrate the conceptual discussion.

12:00pm

Discussion and questions

12:30pm

Finish

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