

Lacan Circle of Melbourne

STUDY DAYS

The labyrinth of obsessional neurosis

Saturday 21 February 9.30am – 1.00pm

The Australian Institute of International Affairs, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne 3002 (both parking-friendly and public transport-accessible).

The theme for the Study Days in 2009 is obsessional neurosis. Combining a study of Freud's classic case of the Rat Man with Lacan's subsequent contribution to the study of obsessional neurosis, the 2009 Study Days take place, with the exception of March and April, on the third Saturday of each month. Dates for the year are listed below. Put them in your diary.

The format of the Study Days is changing this year. The Study Days will run in the morning, and a new series of Clinical Seminars will run in the afternoons of the same day, at the same venue, from 2.00pm to 5.00pm.

The theme of the Study Days is obsessional neurosis and we begin with a study of Freud's classic text on the Rat Man, 'Notes upon a Case of Obsessional Neurosis', *Standard Edition* volume 10. This will be followed by a discussion of one of the clinical or theoretical issues that the case raises.

Reading

Sigmund Freud, 'Notes upon a Case of Obsessional Neurosis', Section 1 'Extracts from the Case History', parts (A) The Beginning of the Treatment, (B) Infantile Sexuality, and (C) The Great Obsessive Fear. In *Standard Edition* vol. 10

Sigmund Freud, 'Further Remarks on the Neuro-Psychoses of Defence', Section 2 'The Nature and Mechanism of Obsessional Neurosis'. In *Standard Edition* vol. 3.

Dates for the year are as follows:

21 February 2009

4 April 2009

16 May 2009

20 June 2009

15 August 2009

19 September 2009

17 October 2009

21 November 2009

Please contact the convenor Justin Clemens, jclemens@unimelb.edu.au for any queries.

Registration is \$30 (\$20 full-time students).