

Marie-Hélène Brousse
Ethics and Politics in the Later Lacan
FRIDAY 16 JULY TO SUNDAY 18 JULY 2010

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

The distinguished Lacanian psychoanalyst Marie-Hélène Brousse will run a seminar with us on this theme of ethics and politics in the final period of Lacan's teaching. Lacan's rightly celebrated seminar, *The Ethics of Psychoanalysis*, delivered over the year 1959-1960, was a penetrating analysis of the ethical and political implications of psychoanalysis arising from Freud's original discoveries. With the Freudian super-ego as its centrepiece, the seminar focuses on guilt, desire and transgression, while along the way forging the concept of *jouissance*.

However, Lacan's later teaching, from the 1970s to his death in 1982, suggests a new approach to the ethical and political issues of our time in the light of the increasingly evident decline of paternal figures, the rise of new forms of *jouissance* and the collapse of the semblants of the contemporary social order. These issues have been the subject of extensive debate in the World Association of Psychoanalysis. The theoretical orientation promoted by Jacques-Alain Miller and developed within the *Ecole de la Cause Freudienne* and other schools of the World Association of Psychoanalysis over the last decade and more has been building on the final period of Lacan's teaching in the 1970s. A major dimension of this work has been the exploration of contemporary forms of symptoms, new psychopathologies, the nature of the increasingly diverse and divergent social relations, and the heterogeneity of the modern family—all of which confronts the contemporary subject with new ethical choices and political circumstances. For psychoanalysis to remain relevant in the 21st century it must be capable of analysing these and other emerging features of the Other, from which every subject must take his cue. Marie-Hélène Brousse has been at the forefront of these debates and will develop these themes over the course of this seminar.

Marie-Hélène Brousse is a distinguished Lacanian psychoanalyst. As a former Analyst of the School, *Ecole de la Cause Freudienne*, and prominent member of the World Association of Psychoanalysis Marie-Hélène Brousse has held various offices in both. She is a senior member of the world-renowned Department of Psychoanalysis at the University of Paris VIII. Dr Brousse speaks excellent English and is highly sought after as a teacher and lecturer. Some of her publications English can be obtained from the Library of the Lacan Circle of Melbourne by going to its [website](#)

The seminar runs Friday 16 July 7.00pm – 9.00pm, Saturday 17 July 9.30am – 5.00pm, and Sunday 18 July 9.30am – 1.00pm.

Full registration is \$250, full-time students can register for \$150.

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