

Lacan Circle of Melbourne
STUDY DAY SATURDAY 14 AUGUST, 9.30AM – 4.30PM
Renata Salecl – Love and the market as a new religion
Santanu Biswas – Formations of the unconscious in James Joyce

The Australian Institute of International Affairs, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne 3002

9.30 – 11.00 *The case of the Wolf Man* – Justin Clemens

The detailed study of Freud's classic text on the Wolf Man, *From the history of an infantile neurosis*, Standard edition volume 17 continues. Discussion will be led by Justin Clemens. We turn to Section V, p. 48 in the *Standard Edition*.

11.30 – 12.45 *Santanu Biswas* – Formations of the Unconscious in James Joyce's 'The Sisters'

James Joyce published his short story 'The Sisters' in 1904 under the pen name 'Stephen Daedalus'. As we know, Freud identified four formations of the unconscious — dream-formation, wit-formation, error-formation and symptom-formation. In this short story, Joyce made use of three of these, albeit without any reference to Freud or psychoanalysis. At significant moments in the narrative the reader is introduced to a dream of the boy-narrator, a symptom of the late Father Flynn and two slips of the tongue of Eliza, one of the two sisters, that are crucial for the unraveling of the story. I focus on these instances and try to make sense of them with the assistance of Don Gifford's annotations to the story, a general understanding of Freudian psychoanalysis, and of course the text of the story itself.

Dr Santanu Biswas is Associate Professor in English at Kolkata's Jadavpur University. His research interests are in the interpretation of European and Bengali literary works in the light of Lacanian psychoanalysis; and in exploring the links of European and Bengali authors with Freud and/or psychoanalysis. He is Joint Editor of 'Language Forum Series in Semiotics' and is Academic Committee Member of the 'Centre for Tagore Studies' at Jadavpur University. He has lectured on aspects of literature and psychoanalysis in India and abroad and has published a number of articles in national and international journals. He is a member of the editorial boards of the journals *(Re)-Turn: A Journal of Lacanian Studies*, and *Clinic/Culture*. He is currently a visiting research fellow at Deakin University.

12.45 – 2.00 Lunch at the venue.

2.00 – 3.15 *Renata Salecl* – *Love and Market as New Religion*

Professor Renata Salecl is Professor of Law at the London School of Economics and a Senior Researcher in the Institute of Criminology at the Faculty of Law in Ljubljana, Slovenia. She also teaches as a Visiting Professor at Cardozo School of Law in New York. She has been Fellow at Wissenschaftskolleg of Berlin, Visiting Professor of Law at Humboldt University in Berlin, Visiting Humanities Professor at George Washington University in Washington, DC, Visiting Professor at Duke University in Durham, NC, and Fellow at Remarque Institute at NYU. Her publications include *On Anxiety*, *Spoils of Freedom* and *Perversions of Love and Hate* and the edited *Sexuations*. Her recently published *Choice* (Profile, 2010) is a brilliant study of the nature of choice, showing the despair to which limitless freedom can lead. Her work brings together law, criminology and psychoanalysis.

From 3.30 to 4.30 there will be a discussion with the author of Renata Salecl's new book, *Choice* (Profile, 2010). Readings in Carlton expect to have a few copies of the book sometime during the week beginning Monday 2 August. The book is also available from Amazon in the UK.

There will be no charge for admission to this study day which is open to the general public.

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