

Lacan Circle of Melbourne
STUDY DAYS 2009
SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

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

THE LABYRINTH OF OBSESSIONAL NEUROSIS
9.30AM – 1.00PM

A continuation of the study of Freud's classic case of the Rat Man with Lacan's subsequent contribution to the study of obsessional neurosis.

The Rat Man

A close reading of Freud's classic text on the Rat Man, *Notes upon a case of obsessional neurosis, Standard edition* volume 10. We continue with the theoretical discussion of the case a few pages into Part II of Freud's text, picking up the discussion at p. 232 in the *Standard Edition*.

Obsessive actions and religious rituals

There will be a short presentation on this paper Freud published in 1907. As Freud's first publication on obsessional neurosis after an interval of some ten years, it foreshadows the Rat Man case as well as detailing connections between ritual and obsessional neurosis pertinent to Lacan's treatment of obsessional neurosis in *Seminar 5*.

CLINICAL SEMINARS 2009
WORKING WITH DESIRE AND DEMAND IN CLINICAL TREATMENT OF NEUROSES
2.00PM – 5.00PM

2.00pm – 3.15pm

Case presentation: Judith Cahill, "The slicer-and-dicer"

3.45pm – 5.00pm

Obsessional neurosis: "Beyond the obsessional's stratagems lie the complexities of their desire."

The second of four discussions of the theme of obsessional neurosis from *Seminar 5, Formations of the unconscious*, sessions from 30 April 1958 to 2 July 1958.

Reading

Lacan, J. *Seminar 5, Formations of the unconscious*, translated by Cormac Gallagher, session of 14 May 1958; chap. 22 in *Le séminaire V, Formations de l'inconscient*, edited by JA Miller, Paris, Seuil.

Registration is \$60 (\$40 full-time students), or \$30 (students \$20) for a half day.

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