The first three seminars will be conducted by Leonardo Rodríguez; the fourth (on May 31st) by Lena Andary; and the fifth and sixth by Leonardo Rodríguez. All seminars are to be held at the Treacy Conference Centre, 126 The Avenue, Parkville, on Saturdays from 8am to 11am.

We shall use our own clinical experience and conceptual reflection as well as some key psychoanalytic texts. The psychoanalytic literature on the psychoses is vast. I have selected texts which I believe to be most relevant for our current approach to the understanding and treatment of the psychoses. My selection, however, is somehow arbitrary. The exclusion of some fundamental texts (in particular, works by post-Freudian analysts other than Lacan) should not imply that they are not valuable contributions: it is rather a matter of practical necessity, as the list of recommended texts is considerably large as it is.

We will not study the psychiatric texts in detail, but they have been included because in actual clinical practice it is necessary to be minimally familiar with the language and approaches of contemporary psychiatry regarding the psychoses.

Leonardo Rodríguez

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1 MAY 10 Phenomenology, theory and treatment of the psychoses: fundamental problems. Psychoanalysis and psychiatry.

Recommended texts:


Mental Disorders’); 12 (‘Schizophrenia’); 13 (‘Other Psychotic Disorders’); 14 (‘Mood Disorders’). Volume 2, Section 24 (‘Personality Disorders’).

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2  MAY 17  Freud’s theses on the psychoses and Lacan’s contributions.

Recommended texts:

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3  MAY 24  Diagnostic questions and their relevance for clinical interventions.

Recommended texts:

Plus the texts recommended for the first two seminars.

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4  MAY 31  A case history presented and discussed by Lena Andary.
Recommended texts:


Plus the texts recommended for the previous seminars.

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5 JUNE 7 Questions arising from Lena’s case.

Recommended texts:
Same texts as for the previous seminars.

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6 JUNE 14 Questions arising from Lena’s case and the texts previously studied.

Recommended texts:
Same texts as for the previous seminars.

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