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International Lacan Seminar

April 9th -11th 2010

Treacy Conference Centre, 126 The Avenue, Parkville.

*Unravelling the mysteries of the speaking body:
How psychoanalysis treats the somatic root of the symptom in
different clinical types*

Conducted by

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Psychoanalysis may be considered a treatment of the speaking body, which changes during the analytical process, in sensitivity, shape, symptom, satisfaction and wellbeing. These changes are not miraculous, but rather the body's reaction to the intervention of the analyst. The body is not only the organism, but also the interface between life and the signifier. The body is not only life, but the place where life reacts to language, and as a result, the only place of enjoyment for a living and speaking being.

That psychoanalysis is a treatment of the speaking body may be sustained on different levels. On a conceptual plane we speak of the body's drive, of its defence against it; of anxiety as the sensation of reduction to the mere body; of fragments of the body becoming libidinal objects. We even speak of "hysterisation" of the symptom, and the body's sensitivity to the desire of the Other. At the level of practice, we find the body responding to the analyst's interpretation.

From an ethical point of view, psychoanalysis implies a healthy restriction of heaven and hell to the limits of our body – a salutary atheist principle.

The talking cure doesn't take place in a single language; the body expresses itself in different dialects, even in different languages. Each type of symptom represents quite different possibilities of somatic language; the recognition of those types gives support to the analyst's interpretation and more generally to the reception of the patient's transference in the setting of the analytic act. Anxiety and symptom may be studied particularly as structural compasses that guide analytical work.

We are going to include material on the somatic symptom and the direction of the treatment in the different clinical types of symptom: psychosis, perversion and neurosis.

LACAN SEMINAR PROGRAM

Friday, April 9

Registration 7.30pm-8.00pm

8.00pm-9.30pm: Public Lecture

The talking cure and the speaking body nowadays. The subtle, talkative language of hysteria and obsessional neurosis' isolation of one's "own" body.

Saturday, April 10

Registration 8.30am-9.00am

9.00-10.30: Session 1

The fear of the body. *Anxiety* as a feeling of one's reduction to a mere body; phobia and perversion; the phallus: castration's subject.

10.30-11.00: Morning Tea

11.00-12.30: Session 2

The organ's language of schizophrenia and the corpse's language of melancholia.

12.30-1.30: Lunch

1.30-3.00: Session 3 Case presentation by Dr Esther Faye and discussion by Dr Lombardi.

3.00-3.30: Afternoon Tea

3.30-5.00: Session 4

Homo and hetero enjoyment of the body. Sexual reality in our time.

Sunday, April 11

Registration 9.00am-9.30am

9.30-11.00: Session 5

Somatic causes and the compass for psychoanalytical practice: the *symptom* as incarnation of the subject's division.

11.00-11.30: Morning Tea

11.30-1.00: Session 6

Discussion and conclusion

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Other Student / Concession GST=zero	\$300/270	\$30	\$235/215	\$100/85

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