The unconscious is the foundational concept of psychoanalysis. This unit will study the theoretical developments on the unconscious by Sigmund Freud and Jacques Lacan and their application in clinical practice.

The main topics included in this unit are:

1. Freud’s different conceptual elaborations on the unconscious: epistemological, philosophical and clinical questions.
2. Study of the analysis of the formations of the unconscious (symptoms, dreams, parapraxes and jokes) and free associations in the clinical experience.
3. Lacan’s contributions: the return to Freud, the theory of the unconscious structured like a language and the three registers of subjective experience (the symbolic, the imaginary and the real).
4. Lacan’s further contributions: the concept of the unconscious in its relations with other key concepts (subject, parlêtre, language, speech, discourse, lalangue, the letter, desire, fantasy, jouissance, sinthome)

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