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**The Graph of Desire in the Clinical Practice of Neurosis**

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Syllabus

**Presentation and Objetives**

This seminar is an introduction to the Lacanian method of formalization of the clinical practice through topological schemes. The main scheme we will use is the Graph of Desire, as a clinical compass to structure a possible clinical treatment of neurosis. In order to achieve a comprehensive and useful reading of this complex yet key graph, we will question the classical theory of communication and intersubjective psychotherapy.

**Classes 1 to 3**

**I. Introduction of the Big Other**

The L-scheme. The notion of intersubjectivity. The other (a) and the Other (A), the subject (S) and the ego (a). The opposition subject-ego. The subject "in its overture." Conceptualization of the treatment. The symbolic dimension after the "Wall of Language." The imaginary dimension from the mirror stage. "I is an other." Function of the disownment of the ego. Narcissism and libido. Why schemes? Topology and logic.

Bibliography:

* Lacan, J. Seminar II (1954-55), Lesson XIX, pt. 3
* Freud, S. (1914), On Narcissism: an Introduction.

**Classes 4 to 14:**

**II. The Graph of Desire**

a) The discretional power of the listener. The structure of the message according to Lacan "The subject receives its own message in a reversed way." Critic to the the classical theory of communication. Enunciation and statement. Diachronic function and synchronic structure. The unconscious as a chain of signifiers. Who speaks regarding the subject of the unconscious.

b)Ego ideal. "What is said first decretes, legislates, 'aforizes'..."Construction of the elementary cell. Vectors and mathems.

c) The question for desire: Che Vuoi? Different answers to castration of the Other: identifications, inhibition, symptom, fantasme, anguish. The fantasme as an interpretation of the desire of A.

d)The formula of the drive $◊D. Conceptualization of Jouissance.

e) The Graph in the clinical practice. Desire and interpretation.

**Classes 15 and 16**

**III. Desire and its Impossibilities.**

Bibliography:

- Laje, M. y Kahanoff, D. (2015) "Desire and Impossibilities in Psychonalysis." In *Actually Lacan*, pp. 53-63. Denver: Clinical College of Colorado