



Fall Semester 2019

Seminar: The direction of the cure V: the symptom and its transformations

The economic problem of jouissance

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When: Wednesdays from 10 to 11:30am -after Daylight Savings from 9 to 10:30am-.

1. Abstract of the seminar:

The statements about jouissance in psychoanalysis are heterogeneous, and at times contradictory, making it difficult to situate and take position: it must be reduced, it is harmful, is sexual, and because of this -nowadays seems like a fashionable therapeutic approach- it can be enjoyed freely and unbridledly as one wants. It is also assumed that jouissance is something to let go of, or something that one must know how to manipulate.

Our question, oriented by Freud and Lacan, will situate a series of habitual obstacles for the clinician in their everyday practice, where the economic problem of jouissance implies in itself will gain a special relevance. The various nominations with which it is situated and the modalities for the analyst to operate with it, as well as the ethical implications at play in such responses.

2. Objectives:

- Introduce a direct and close reading of Freud and Lacan's texts in order to introduce que clinical question about jouissance.
- Provide clinical resources for the practice.
- Set some key concepts for the operation of an analyst.
- Question previous ideas of what is Freudian and about the ethics of psychoanalysis.
- To convey a reading of the texts of reference sustained in the clinic.

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