

Clinical College of Colorado - Fall Semester 2017

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

The reverse of psychoanalysis

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1. Abstract of the seminar:

Reading Lacan's seminar 17 has an important ethical and political aim in what we call the *lacanian field*. This is what Lacan presents in this seminar as the field of jouissance or *joy*-sense or enjoyment, the one that in psychoanalytical practice lives near desire. We need to enter ourselves in this very interesting context in which Lacan works about what the so called Lacanian analyst's respond to the demand is. Lacan produces the four discourses, that are introduced in his teachings in the students revolt in may 1968 with one important objective: to interpret the way jouissance is captured, regulated and more, by this four structures. We read, for instance what he tells to these "revolutionary" students: "*You are looking for a new master*".

He add's to the three hystorical discourses (Master, University and hysterical) a fourth, last but not least, Freud's unconscious's interpretation method: Lacan calles it the analytical discourse. This kind of mathematical-clinical option will lead us to understand and to aim better in our lacanian field everyday practice, a practice with desire of the analyst in the place of the Agent or the Cause of the discourse. There's a language barrier -as always-, but also a possible translation that is never exact but leaves aside in that *reading together* operation, important questions as: ¿Which is the reverse of psychoanalysis? Which is the link between the four discourses, our lacanian field and our practice nowadays? What does it means to be placed as the cause of a discourse?

Lacan's option is to transform the analyst's solitary soul into a School of Pyschoanalysis to produce a link that sustains and cultivates the analytical discourse, in a colleagues conversation that is not reduced to teacher-pupil relationship.

2. Objectives:

- Introduce to a direct and close reading of Lacan's seminar 17, "The other side of psychoanalysis".
- 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.