



Programme Axis for 2023/24

LOOK NORMAL !

Psychoanalysis < > Depathologisation

The symbolic will print semantic representations onto the imaginary body, which the speaking body then weaves and unweaves. It is in this respect that one's debility destines the speaking body as such to delusion. You wonder how someone who has done an analysis can still imagine themselves to be normal.
Jacques-Alain Miller(*)

The opposition between a "clinic of the gaze" and a "clinic of listening"¹ lies at the very heart of the constitution of the so-called "psychoanalytic clinic."

From Charcot to Freud, the distinction between the normal and the pathological was forever subverted with the invention of an unheard-of partner for and of the subject's suffering: the unconscious and its psychoanalyst.

Words and images fail to account for the real that drives the subject's destiny without them knowing it. But the forms that the knotting between the three registers that Lacan proposed to formalise the experience that analytic practice constitutes are not separated from the times in which they emerge.

The current pregnancy of the imaginary, the expansion of virtuality, the short-circuiting of speech and interpretation, and their impact in the modes in which subjects inhabit (or not) the social bond, lead us to interrogate how imperatives are instituted today, what exigencies subjects are confronted by and to, what means – old and new – are available to respond and treat them.

In times of the "fundamental clinical equality between speaking-beings,"² but also of blurred boundaries between our bodies and screens, what is specific to psychoanalysis and the Lacanian understanding of "depathologising"?

Both the themes of the forthcoming WAP³ and NLS⁴ Congresses will be at the centre of the investigations proposed for this year's ICLO-NLS Programme, and we look forward to the various events and spaces where this research and learning will take place. Join us in the adventure!

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(*) "The Unconscious and the Speaking Body", Online [here](#).

[1] Cf. for instance G. Lanteri-Laura, P. Bercherie, M. Foucault.

[2] Miller, J.-A., *op. cit.*

[3] "Everyone is Mad", XIVth [Congress of the World Association of Psychoanalysis](#). To be held online on 22nd-25th February 2024.

[4] "Clinic of the Gaze", XXIInd [Congress of the New Lacanian School](#). To be held in Dublin on 11th-12th May 2024.