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THE OBJECT OF PSYCHOANALYSIS



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What is the object of psychoanalysis in its Freudian foundation? What has psychoanalysis set as its object around which a theory was developed while attempting to approach it? Is it the human psyche, considered as an ontological concept devoid of the metaphysical connotations of religion and philosophy? Is it child sexuality, a discovery unique to psychoanalysis? Or is it the treatment of trauma and the traumatic, along the lines of Ferenczi and Bion? Is it "human nature," as Winnicott conceived of it or is it the subject and their quest for personal truth, as Lacan time and again put it, talking about the ethics of psychoanalysis? Would it be the analysis of transference, arising from the knowledge the analyst is supposed to possess? Or is it the subject's history and its recounting? Each of these might represent aspects of the object of psychoanalysis, which nonetheless imposes a certain indeterminacy, precisely because psychoanalysis is deemed the "science" of the unconscious. Given that the work of psychoanalysis is a perpetual and multifaceted quest, it will never be fully complete for anyone. Furthermore, science and the unconscious are inherently contradictory, since the unconscious is the wellspring of knowledge and ignorance, with knowledge emanating from it and inquiry being regenerated from its navel.



PROGRAM

8.30-8.50 REGISTRATION

8.50 OPENING SPEECH: Thanassis Hatzopoulos

9.00 INTRODUCTION: Patrick Guyomard, Vicky Malissova

Sotiris Manolopoulos
9.20 THE PSYCHOANALYTIC STANCE, THE ETHICS OF PRACTICE
commentary: Thanassis Hatzopoulos

Angela Joyce
10.10 THE OBJECT OF PSYCHOANALYSIS
commentary, translation: Antonis Vadolas, Stefanos Plexousakis

François Lévy
11.10 THE ENGRAVING THAT PERMEATES THE DARKNESS
commentary, translation: Vicky Malissova, Angeliki Christaki

12.10-12.30 break - coffee

Laura Dethiville
12.30 "TO FEEL THAT LIFE IS WORTH LIVING"
commentary, translation: Constance Athanasiadou, Elisa Nikolopoulou

Margaret Spelman
13.30 THE SHARED PSYCHOANALYTIC OBJECT
OF A COLLEGIAL COUPLE: WINNICOTT AND MILNER
commentary, translation: Nefeli Tabaki, Giorgos Kalomoiris

14.20 CLOSING SPEECH: PSYCHOANALYSIS, FOR WHAT OBJECT, Thanassis Hatzopoulos

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