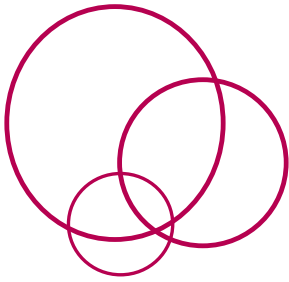


# Lacan Circle of Melbourne presents



## **Public Lecture and Workshop** **with Dr Jean-Pierre Klotz** *on* **New forms of the symptom:** **From depression to social disconnection**

The Lacan Circle of Melbourne is pleased to announce a workshop and public lecture with Jean-Pierre Klotz. Dr Klotz is a psychiatrist and psychoanalyst in Bordeaux and Paris. He is an Analyst Member of the Ecole de la Cause Freudienne, the New Lacanian School, and the Escuela de la Orientacion Lacaniana (Argentina).

If we think of each person's symptom as a form of social bond that binds him or her to a partner, to the workplace, to a social group, we can conceive of the dramatic increase in specifically modern forms of symptoms — ranging from depression and anxiety, via senseless forms of social revolt, to varieties of social disaffection and withdrawal — as indicative of a collapse of the social bond, at least in its classical form. How should psychoanalysis respond to the various forms of disconnection that predominate in our society without also becoming an agent of the master's discourse? Since there is no such thing as social assistance in a Lacanian orientation, can we hope only for social assistance with Lacanian pretensions? Can we find new ways to respond to the pernicious subjective consequences of segregation and disconnection?

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