

Lacan Circle of Melbourne

CLINICAL SEMINARS

Symptoms then and now: from conversion symptoms to depression

Australian Institute of International Affairs, Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne.

Saturday 4 April 2.00pm – 5.00pm

Symptoms as real

The hypothesis that a symptom is real is to be understood in opposition to symptoms as symbolic or imaginary. We say symptoms are real precisely because of their repetition and insistence. In his doctrine of the logical modalities, Lacan placed symptoms at the level of the necessary: a symptom doesn't stop writing itself.

This is the second in a series of introductory seminars that will examine the nature of symptoms with an eye to their contemporary forms of presentation.

Seminars take place, with the exception of March and April, on the third Saturday of each month.

Reading

J.-A. Miller, 'S(x)', *The Symptom* 5 (2004).

J.-A. Miller, 'The Symptom', *Lacanian Ink* 4 (1991): 13-21.

Both articles are available on the Lacan Circle's website at

<http://lacancircle.net/events.html>

Dates of seminars for the year are listed below.

4 April 2009

16 May 2009

20 June 2009

15 August 2009

19 September 2009

17 October 2009

21 November 2009

Please contact the convenor Russell Grigg, rgri8998@bigpond.net.au for any queries.

Registration is \$30 (\$20 full-time students)