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**THE UNCONSCIOUS
IS POLITICS.**

Jacques Lacan

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“The unconscious is politics”, says the psychoanalyst Jacques Lacan, thereby raising the question of the relationship between the subject and the social field.

Psychoanalysis never has a general social impact, since it does not consider people as a mass, interest group, generation or gender, but sees them in terms of their incomparability – not only to any other subject but also to any worldview.

However, this doesn't mean that psychoanalysis is indifferent towards politics. On the contrary. Its attention applies to symptoms that are a reflection of the political world – expectations, disappointments, dreams, fears, traumas and phantasms of the subject of the unconscious. So, what is the goal of psychoanalysis in politics? If psychoanalysis makes the subject less ignorant in relation to his private life, then we can expect that the goal of psychoanalysis in politics is for there to be less ignorance within groups, crowds, masses, countries and other hegemonic discourses. But for this to be possible, it is essential to return to the key questions of “What are the symptoms of the 21st century?” and “What does healing mean in times of political crisis?”.

KEY TOPICS:

Is politics the cause of our pain? Or is it the cause of our solutions? What is the difference between subjectivity and identity as a purely imaginary category? How to deal with symptoms that are linked to politics: war trauma, disorientation in times of transition? And, last but not least, how can psychoanalysis practically impact the political space in the 21st century?

APPLIED PSYCHOANALYSIS AND PRESENTATIONS OF CLINICAL CASES:

- Collapse of the social bond and anxiety in transition
- Hopelessness and fanaticism
- Searching for a sense of security as a form of modern-day melancholy
- *The mirror stage*, bodily obedience and bio politics (beauty and health standards)
- “Trans-solutions”, traditional gender politics and new ways of socio-political categorizing
- Cruelty and victimization
- Vulnerability and discourses that kill
- Borders of the body and borders of states
- “I am all that I have ever lost.”

THEORY:

- History of the relationship between intimate and political
- Psychoanalysts in a political asylum (cases of Freud, Fromm, Reich, Jung)
- Fundamental concepts of psychoanalysis and theory of discourse
- *Schadenfreude*: damage-joy
- What’s left of the Father Figure in hypermodern times?
- *Jouissance* - negotiating boundaries of a discourse
- Gender self-determination – “I am what I say I am” in contrast to psychoanalysis - “I am what I don’t know.”
- Perversion of totalitarianism
- Revolution and neurosis
- Populism and sovereignty
- Politics of singularity



KEY TOPICS:

symptoms, politics, society, ideology, desire

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DR NINA KRAJNIK

Nina Krajnik is a Slovenian Lacanian psychoanalyst. She holds a PhD in Philosophy. She studied at the University Paris VIII – Vincennes-Saint Denis. She is the president and founder of the Slovenian Association for Lacanian Psychoanalysis and the international movement Lakan Balkan. She is a translator and the editor-in-chief of a book series Juno. She graduated with a dissertation *Finnegans Wake through Lacanian Psychoanalysis*. In 2015, she worked as a researcher at the James Joyce Foundation in Zürich, Switzerland. Between 2011 and 2014, she carried out her academic research in Australia and New Zealand. She accomplished supervised clinical work in the Sainte Anne Hospital, Ville Evrard, Les Murets, and at the unit of Jacques Lacan of the healthcare centre Sud Fancilien Evry in France. She is a member of the New Lacanian School (NLS) and the World Association of Psychoanalysis (AMP).

Her research activities are focused on war traumas, psychoanalysis of the new symptoms, relation between psychoanalysis and politics, literature and science.

Krajnik has so far organised the following psychoanalytic seminars and lectures: *Freudian Field* (2015/16, 2016/17), *How to Heal in Lacanian Psychoanalysis* (2017/18), *Psychoanalysis of the New Symptoms, 2 Vol.* (2018/19, 2019/20), *Metamorphoses of Subjectivity* (2020/21), *New Symptoms in Techno-Era* (2021/22); Banquet Lacan (Ljubljana, 2016-2019), *Subject and Society in Times of New Symptoms and Global Crisis* (Belgrade - 2020/21), *Psychoanalysis in a World of Power and Fragility* (Sarajevo - 2021/22).



DR MASSIMO RECALCATI

Massimo Recalcati is an Italian Lacanian psychoanalyst, essayist and writer. He is a member of the Milanese Society of Psychoanalysis (SMP), a founder of Jonas - Centre of Psychoanalytic Clinical Practice for New Symptoms, and the Scientific Director of the IRPA School of Specialisation in Psychotherapy in Milan. He works as a lecturer at the University of Verona and at IULM in Milan. Since 2003, he has been working as the director and a lecturer in charge of the specialisation course at the Milan headquarters of Jonas, the non-profit organization he founded in 2003. He is currently a clinical supervisor for eating disorders at the Gruber Centre in Bologna. Since 2014, he has been the editor of the *Eredi* series for Feltrinelli. Since 2020, he has held the position of a co-director of the magazine *Frontiere della psicoanalisi*.

His scientific activity revolves around some fundamental topics: the analysis of contemporary psychopathology and eating disorders; the study of the teaching of Jacques Lacan; the reflection on the father figure in the hypermodern era; the analysis of the relationship between politics and the discomfort of contemporary civilization, between psychoanalysis and artistic creation. Since 2016, he has been the scientific director of “Kum!Festival – Care, Educate, Governa” in Ancona. Since 2018, he has been the scientific director of the Turin Festival of Psychology. He lives and works in Milan.

He has published numerous books, which have also been translated into several languages, including: *Portraits of Desire* (2012), *The Enduring Kiss: Seven Short Lessons on Love* (2021), *The night in Gethsemane: On Solitude and Betrayal* (2020), *The law of the word. Biblical roots of psychoanalysis* (2022), *Cain's Act* (2022), *The Son's Secret: From Oedipus to the Prodigal Son* (2020), *The Temptation of the Wall: Five Short Lessons on Civil Life* (2022), *In Praise of Forgiveness* (2020), *The Telemachus Complex: Parents and Children after the Decline of the Father* (2019) etc.



DR FRANÇOIS ANSERMET, MD

François Ansermet is a Swiss Lacanian psychoanalyst. He was appointed Professor Emeritus at the Universities of Geneva (UNIGE) and Lausanne (UNIL), after having first held the posts of a full professor of child psychiatry, Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Biology and Medicine, and the Head of the University Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. He worked as a full professor of Child Psychiatry at the UNIGE, while remaining a full professor ad personam at UNIL and becoming the Head of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry as well as the Director of the University Department of Psychiatry at the Faculty of Medicine. He has the role of a project leader at the National Centre of Competence in Research (NCCR) Synapsy. He is a member of the New Lacanian School, and the World Association of Psychoanalysis.

He has been a member of the French National Ethics Committee (CCNE) in Paris since 2003. He is the first non-French expert to serve on the French ethics advisory board where he provides advisory opinions on research on embryos, surrogate motherhood, end-of-life concerns, donating organs. He was appointed a rapporteur in charge of reporting on Article 126 on medically assisted reproduction, Article 129 on bioethics, Article 132 on sex development (DSD), and Article 134 on adoption. He is currently responsible for the article on ethics in psychiatry of the French law on bioethics.

He is the author and co-author of numerous books and publications, including: *The Art of Making Children: The New World of Assisted Reproductive Technology* (2018), *Memory Reconsolidation* (2013), *Biology of Freedom: Neural Plasticity, Experience and the Unconscious* (2018) etc.



DR GERARDO ARENAS

Gerardo Arenas is an Argentinian Lacanian psychoanalyst. He holds a PhD in nuclear physics. He is a member of the Escuela de la Orientación Lacaniana in Buenos Aires, the World Association of Psychoanalysis, the Oscar Masotta Institute and Lacanian Action. He is a postgraduate professor at the Psychoanalytic Clinic of the National University of San Martín and the director of the Itaipú International Seminar. He obtained his degree in psychology and physics. He completed his postgraduate studies in artificial intelligence at the University of Buenos Aires (UBA). He was a professor of psychology at the Faculty of Psychology of John Fitzgerlad Kennedy University, and he completed his postgraduate studies in psychoanalysis at the University Institute Patricios.

He is the author of numerous books on Lacanian Psychoanalysis: *Estructura lógica de la interpretación* (Logical Structure of Interpretation), *En busca de lo singular* (In Search of the Singular), *La flecha de Eros* (Eros' Arrow), *Los II Unos del 19 más uno* (The II Ones of XIX Plus One), *Sobre la tumba de Freud* (On Freud's Grave), *Pasos hacia una economía de los goces* (Steps to an Economy of Jouissances), and *Obligos* (Navels). In addition to two fiction books, he also compiled several books, and translated into Spanish numerous works by Jacques Lacan, Jacques-Alain Miller, and others. *A Practical Way to Feel Better* is his first book in English.

The seminar of Bruce Fink will be held in Moravče, Slovenia, on May 18-19.



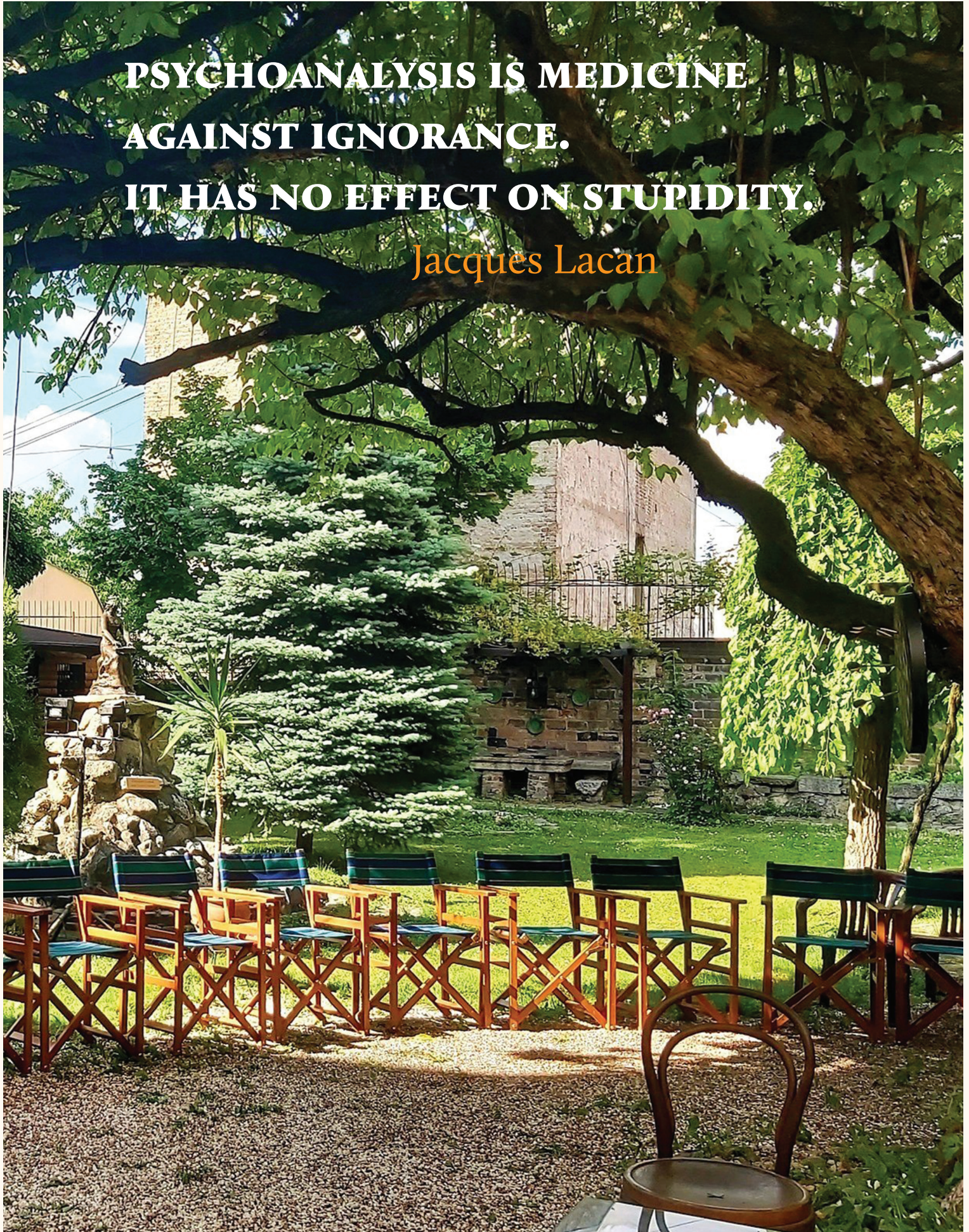
DR BRUCE FINK

Bruce Fink is an American Lacanian psychoanalyst and analytic supervisor. After graduating from Cornell University in 1976, he completed his postgraduate studies abroad, at the University of Paris VIII. He trained as a psychoanalyst in France for seven years, and is now a member of the École de la Cause freudienne. Between 1993 and 2013, he worked as a psychology professor at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the Pittsburgh Psychoanalytic Centre. Fink is one of the most widely read Lacanian analysts in the English-speaking world. His translation of Lacan's *Écrits* is considered the standard edition. In addition to translating several of Lacan's later seminars, he has presented his theoretical and clinical work at nearly a hundred different conferences, psychoanalytic institutes, and universities in the U.S. and abroad since 1986.

Dr. Fink is the author of numerous books on Lacan, some of which have been translated into various different languages, including Spanish, Portuguese, Slovenian, German, Polish, Croatian, Greek, Turkish, Japanese, Korean, Farsi, Hebrew, Italian, and Chinese: *A Clinical Introduction to Freud: Techniques for Everyday Practice* (W. W. Norton, 2017), *Lacan on Love: An Exploration of Lacan's Seminar VIII, Transference* (Routledge, 2016), *The Purloined Love: An Inspector Canal Mystery* (Karnac Books, 2014), *Odor di Murderer, Scent of a Killer: An Adventure from Inspector Canal's New York Agency* (Karnac Books, 2014), *Against Understanding, Volume 1: Commentary and Critique in a Lacanian Key* (Routledge, 2014), *Against Understanding, Volume 2: Cases and Commentary in a Lacanian Key* (Routledge, 2014), *Death by Analysis: Another Adventure from Inspector Canal's New York Agency* (Karnac Books, 2013), *The Psychoanalytic Adventures of Inspector Canal* (Karnac Books, 2010), *Fundamentals of Psychoanalytic Technique: A Lacanian Approach for Practitioners* (New York: W.W. Norton, 2007), *Lacan To The Letter: Reading Ecris Closely* (Saint Paul: University of Minnesota Press, 2004), *A Clinical Introduction to Lacanian Psychoanalysis: Theory and Technique* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1997), *The Lacanian Subject: Between Language and Jouissance* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1995).

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WHEN: November 2023 – June 2024 (winter and spring semester)

WHERE: online (ZOOM)

WHO CAN APPLY?

Participants wishing to apply are not required to be mental health professionals or students, nor do they need to have an education in the field applicable to psychoanalysis. Precandidates are required to fill in the application form and write a letter of intent in order to register for the course.

APPLICATION PACKAGE: an application shall be confirmed on the basis of a **letter of intent** describing in detail the applicant's interest and goals regarding the study of new symptoms in times of political crisis. Upon receipt of the letter of intent, the applicant will be invited for a **video interview**.

APPLICATION DATES: between 28 August and 20 November by 12pm

LECTURES: 25 November; 9 December; 20 January; 17 February; 16 March; 6 April; 18 and 19 May; 15 June

CLINICAL WORKSHOPS: 16 December; 3 February; 30 March; 13 April; 1 June

All lectures are recorded. By purchasing access to the e-classroom, students also gain access to all the materials on the portal (video classes, clinical workshops, links to external materials etc.)

Lectures will be held either in English or in the language of a guest speaker. Real-time simultaneous translations, performed by professional interpreters, will also be provided. Students will have access to simultaneous interpreting by clicking on 🎧 (headphones).

At the end of the seminar, participants will be awarded a certificate of completion indicating the skills and knowledge they have acquired. The certificate award ceremony will take place on **15 June 2024** in Slovenia.







TUITION FEE: 1490 EUR

EARLY BIRD APPLICATIONS: a 20 % discount for applications submitted no later than 23 October by 12pm: 1192 EUR

PAYMENT BY INSTALMENTS: a 6 monthly instalments (from November until April)

PAYMENT METHODS

- Credit card: Visa, Master Card, Diners, Eurocard, Ba, American Express
- PayPal
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HOW TO APPLY: The application package is to be sent either by email to **info@sdzlp.si** or regular post to the following postal address: **Slovenian Association for Lacanian Psychoanalysis, Berčičeva 3, 1260 Ljubljana-Polje, Slovenia**

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ABOUT SALP

The Slovenian Association for Lacanian Psychoanalysis (SALP) is the first organisation in Slovenia and the Western Balkans devoted to psychoanalysis of the French psychoanalyst Jacques Lacan. SALP's mission is to encourage work, education and research in the field of Lacanian psychoanalysis. SALP hosts a variety of activities and colloquia in Ljubljana, Belgrade and online, including seminars, international conferences, and cartel groups. SALP is the publisher of the book series Juno and a founder of the international movement Lakan Balkan.

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