



# LACAN TORONTO PROGRAM 2019-2020

All meetings (unless otherwise noted) held at the Toronto Psychoanalytic Society  
40 St. Clair Avenue East, Toronto, Ontario

## Reading Group Meetings

Alternate Sundays, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
Open to the Public

Lacan Toronto meets every two weeks on Sundays to do a sustained reading of Lacanian texts. This year we are reading Seminar 6, *Desire and Its Interpretation*. Our method is to read the text aloud, passage by passage, and pause for discussion.

## Teaching Sessions

After the Reading Group Meetings  
1:30 to 3:00 PM  
Open to the Public

- September 8: Dan Collins “On Lacan’s Big Graph”  
September 22: Ramiro Armas, “Deleuze and Badiou, Mathematical Extimacies”  
October 6: Ramiro Armas, “Deleuze and Badiou, Mathematical Extimacies” (part 2)  
October 20: Judith Hamilton, “The Ego: Narcissism and Aggressiveness”  
November 3: Chris Vanderwees, “The Direction of the Treatment for the Homeless Subject Who Is Finally in Question”  
November 17 - March 29: Dan Collins, *On Metapsychology*  
April 12: Tom O’Brien, “The Repression of Bruno Schulz”  
April 26: Case Presentations by guests Courtney Douds and Josh Finkelstein  
May 10: Ines Andersen, “Introduction to the Interpretation of Dreams”  
May 24: Ines Andersen, “Introduction to the Use of Dreams”  
June 7: Chris Vanderwees, “Translating François Peraldi’s *Le sujet*”  
June 21: Chris Vanderwees, “Translating François Peraldi’s *Le sujet*” (part 2)  
July 5: Alex Manzoni, “Psychoanalysis and Law”  
July 19: Alex Manzoni, “Psychoanalysis and Law” (part 2)

### Dates for Reading Group and Teaching Sessions

September 8, 22; October 6, 20; November 3, 17; December 1, 15; January 5, 19; February 2, 16; March 1, 15, 29; April 12, 26; May 10, 24; June 7, 21; July 5, 19

## *On Metapsychology*

Dan Collins’s Seminar

Dates: November 17; December 1, 15; January 5, 19; February 2, 16; March 1, 15, 29

This year’s seminar will examine Freud’s metapsychology. We’ll look at the term and the concept of metapsychology and ask why it is deployed to differentiate a specific kind of psychoanalytic thinking. For each metapsychological text of Freud’s that we examine, we’ll ask about its Lacanian implications. Throughout, we’ll ask the question of whether Lacan’s explication of Freud’s metapsychology is an attempt to support it or refute it.

Special Event:

## PSYCHOANALYSIS AND MARXISM

April 4, 2020

Location: St. John the Compassionate Mission  
155 Broadview Avenue, Toronto  
(between Queen and Dundas)

Guest Speakers: Ian Parker and David Pavón-Cuéllar

David Pavón Cuéllar and Ian Parker will discuss their work in progress *Psychoanalysis: Critical Psychology for Liberation Movements*. This manifesto is for movements of liberation for a better world, about the interrelationship between the miserable exploitative oppressive reality of life today and our “internal” lives, our psychology. Psychoanalysis grasps that intimate interconnection between this reality and what feels deep within each of us. We must understand the nature of that interconnection to build a practical alternative to capitalism, sexism, and racism. Our task is to reconstruct psychoanalysis as an authentic form of “critical psychology” with the help of ideas gathered in the Marxist political-intellectual tradition and in the extensive theoretical and practical work carried out for a century at the intersection between Marxism and psychoanalysis. We address the role of the unconscious, repetition, drive and transference in clinical and political analysis in order to address questions of subjective transformation.

This event will feature responses by Lacan Toronto members and open discussion.

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