Act and Transmission: On Formation in Psychoanalysis

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n the English-speaking tradition, becoming an analyst has been referred to as the training of an analyst. The notion of “training” reveals and conveys a misunderstanding of the trajectory proper to the formation of the analyst, a misunderstanding of both the clinical act and its transmission.

“Training” suggests an apprenticeship in knowledge, conceived of as a set of procedures to develop a practical expertise. It does not reflect the specificity of the analytic act, which implies the passage through a novel experience that provokes a subjective transformation and the possibility of the assumption of a new ethical position. The notion of “formation,” from the Latin formare (to give form to), is more consistent with the uniqueness of such an act.

Since Après-Coup introduced the term “formation” into the U.S. psychoanalytic milieu, many colleagues and associations in the English-speaking world have begun to adopt it. To reflect on this term in this international encounter is an opportunity to sustain essential aspects of psychoanalytic ethics, its difference and its transmission.

Psychoanalysts from Europe, South America, and the United States will attend this Colloquium to explore the specificity of the analytic formation, addressing the formations of the unconscious, the analysand's trajectory, the psychoanalytic act, the transformation and the passage to a different subjective position—underlining the fundamental question of transmission in psychoanalysis.

How can we think of transmission today, in our current cultural situation, characterized by, among other things, the dissemination of institutionalized normative training and the intrusion of the legal domain into the field of psychoanalysis?

Posing questions of formation in this way calls up the opposition between the normative and the particular on the one hand and the universal and the singular on the other. How today can we further our thinking about the relation between singularity and universality?

Après-Coup Psychoanalytic Association will host colleagues from: Corpo Freudiano Escola de Psicanálise (Brazil); Escuela Freudiana de Buenos Aires (Argentina); Escuela de Psicoanálisis Sigmund Freud-Rosario (Argentina); Espaço Analytique (France); Espaço Analytique (France); Le Cercle Freudien (France); Nodi Freudiani (Italy); and Seminario psicoanalítico de Tucumán (Argentina).

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Colloquium Schedule

**Friday, October 28**
Theresa Lang Center, 55 West 13th Street, Room I 202

- 5:45 PM WELCOME Simon Critchley
  - On the Universal and the Particular
  - MODERATOR Paola Mieli
- 6:00 PM–9:00 PM ROUND TABLE Paul G. Chevigny, Simon Critchley, Alain Didier-Weill, Daniel Heller-Roazen
- 8:00 PM–9:00 PM PUBLIC DISCUSSION

**Saturday, October 29**
Tishman Auditorium, 66 W. 12th St, Room A106

- 9:15 AM OPENING REMARKS Mark Stafford
  - A Knowledge from the Real
  - CHAIR Ona Nierenberg
- 9:30 AM–11:15 AM ROUND TABLE Fabienne Ankaoua, Jean-Jacques Blévis, Paolo Lollo, Maryse Martin, Henriette Michaud
- 11:15 AM–11:30 AM BREAK
- 11:30 AM–11:45 AM DISCUSSANT Alan Bass
- 11:45 AM–12:00 PM DISCUSSANT William J. Hurst
- 12:00 PM–1:00 PM PUBLIC DISCUSSION

- 2:30 PM–4:30 PM ROUND TABLE Sergio Contardi, Betty Fuks, Helena Gibbs, Denise Maurano, Paolo Mieli, Ana Petros, Claude Rabant
- 4:30 PM–4:45 PM BREAK
- 4:45 PM–5:00 PM DISCUSSANT Leo Bersani
- 5:00 PM–5:15 PM DISCUSSANT Martin Aniel
- 5:15 PM–6:30 PM PUBLIC DISCUSSION

**Sunday, October 30**
Tishman Auditorium, 66 W. 12th St, Room A106

- 9:00 AM–11:00 AM ROUND TABLE Martin Bakero Carrasco, Guy Dana, Frédéric de Rivoire, Nora Markman, André Michels, Jean-Jacques Moscovitz
- 11:00 AM–11:15 AM BREAK
- 11:15 AM–11:30 AM DISCUSSANT Arnold Richards
- 11:30 AM–11:45 AM DISCUSSANT Jennifer R. Harper
- 11:45 AM–12:45 PM PUBLIC DISCUSSION

- 2:30 PM–4:30 PM ROUND TABLE Pura Cancina, Guillermina Diaz, Liliana Donzis, Daniel Paola
- 4:30 PM–4:45 PM DISCUSSANT Jamieson Webster
- 4:45 PM–5:00 PM DISCUSSANT Jonathan House
- 5:00 PM–5:15 PM PUBLIC DISCUSSION
- 5:15 PM–6:00 PM CLOSING REMARKS
- 6:00 PM RECEPTION The National Association for the Advancement of Psychoanalysis invites all participants and attendees to a wine and cheese reception at Wollman Hall, 66 W. 12th St, 5th Floor.