

## A CONVERGENCIA COLLOQUIUM

Après-Coup Psychoanalytic Association, Corpo Freudiano Escola de Psicanálise, Espace Analytique, Insistance, Le Cercle Freudien, Nodi freudiani

*Après-Coup Psychoanalytic Association and the  
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# Act and Transmission: On Formation in Psychoanalysis

**October 28–30, 2011**

**The New School for Social Research  
New York City**

**Three-Day Attendance Fee: \$20**

In 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); *Espace Analytique* (France); *Insistance* (France); *Le Cercle Freudien* (France); *Nodi freudiani* (Italy); and *Seminario psicoanalítico de Tucumán* (Argentina).

## List of Participants

Martine Aniel *Psychoanalytic Institute of Northern California* • Fabienne Ankaoua *Le Cercle Freudien* • Alan Bass *The New School* • Leo Bersani *University of California, Berkeley* • Jean-Jacques Blévis *Le Cercle Freudien* • Pura Cancina *Escuela de Psicoanálisis Sigmund Freud-Rosario* • Martin Bakero Carrasco *Espace Analytique* • Paul G. Chevigny *New York University Law School* • Sergio Contardi *Nodi freudiani* • Simon Critchley *The New School* • Guy Dana *Le Cercle Freudien* • Frédéric de Rivoyre *Espace Analytique* • Guillermina Diaz *Escuela de Psicoanálisis Sigmund Freud-Rosario* • Alain Didier-Weill *Insistance* • Liliana Donzis *Escuela Freudiana de Buenos Aires* • Betty Fuks *Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro* • Patricia Gherovici *Après-Coup Psychoanalytic Association* • Helena Gibbs *Après-Coup Psychoanalytic Association* • Jennifer R. Harper *National Association for the Advancement of Psychoanalysis* • Daniel Heller-Roazen *Princeton University* • Jonathan House *Columbia University Center for Psychoanalytic Training and Research* • William J. Hurst *The Center for Modern Psychoanalytic Studies* • David Lichtenstein *Après-Coup Psychoanalytic Association* • Paolo Lollo *Insistance* • Karen Malone *Après-Coup Psychoanalytic Association* • Nora Markman *Le Cercle Freudien* • Maryse Martin *Société de Psychanalyse Freudienne* • Denise Maurano *Corpo Freudiano Escola de Psicanálise* • Henriette Michaud *Le Cercle Freudien* • André Michels *Espace Analytique* • Paola Mieli *Après-Coup Psychoanalytic Association* • Jean-Jacques Moscovitz *Psychanalyse Actuelle* • Ona Nierenberg *Après-Coup Psychoanalytic Association* • Daniel Paola *Escuela Freudiana de Buenos Aires* • Ana Petros *Seminario psicanalítico de Tucumán* • Claude Rabant *Le Cercle Freudien* • Arnold Richards *Mount Sinai Medical School, Department of Psychiatry* • Mark Stafford *Après-Coup Psychoanalytic Association* • Jamieson Webster *The New York Psychoanalytic Institute and Society*

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## Colloquium Schedule

### **Friday, October 28**

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

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

### **Saturday, October 29**

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

9:15 AM	OPENING REMARKS <b>Mark Stafford</b>
<b>A Knowledge from the Real</b>	
	CHAIR <b>Ona Nierenberg</b>
9:30 AM–11:15 AM	ROUND TABLE <b>Fabienne Ankaoua, Jean-Jacques Blévis, Paolo Lollo, Maryse Martin, Henriette Michaud</b>
11:15 AM–11:30 AM	BREAK
11:30 AM–11:45 AM	DISCUSSANT <b>Alan Bass</b>
11:45 AM–12:00 PM	DISCUSSANT <b>William J. Hurst</b>
12:00 PM–1:00 PM	PUBLIC DISCUSSION
<b>Forms of Formations</b>	
	CHAIR <b>Kareen Malone</b>
2:30 PM–4:30 PM	ROUND TABLE <b>Sergio Contardi, Betty Fuks, Helena Gibbs, Denise Maurano, Paola Mieli, Ana Petros, Claude Rabant</b>
4:30 PM–4:45 PM	BREAK
4:45 PM–5:00 PM	DISCUSSANT <b>Leo Bersani</b>
5:00 PM–5:15 PM	DISCUSSANT <b>Martine Aniel</b>
5:15 PM–6:30 PM	PUBLIC DISCUSSION

### **Sunday, October 30**

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

	<b>Act and Transmission in the Formation of Psychoanalysts</b>
	CHAIR <b>David Lichtenstein</b>

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

	<b>Formations and Transmission</b>
	CHAIR <b>Patricia Gherovici</b>

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