

The Lacanoamerican Reunion of Psychoanalysis of Florianópolis

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The Lacanoamerican Reunion is an event that occurs during a particular time and place every two years; this time in Florianópolis, Brazil.

Lacan used the term *Lacanoamerican* in Caracas in 1980 to address the psychoanalysts and readers of his work in Latin America. They were neither his analysands nor his students, but others who accompanied and furthered his teachings in another place. *Lacanoamerican*, then beyond any determination of a geographical type, has become a metaphor of the specific bond between the analyst and writing. It refers to the transference of work that occurs with the process that is formed in the reading of the texts of Freud and Lacan to the elaboration on this by each subject in front of the others.

The Lacanoamerican Reunion of Psychoanalysis was first held in 1986, in Punta del Este, Uruguay. Since then it has been realized each two years through four days of work, where analysts and others present papers around the logic of their praxis, themes from their clinical practice and aspects of their recent theoretical research.

The process around the realization of each Reunion has become a device that supports the subjective position in psychoanalysis. By allowing oneself to be interrogated by others in a beyond of the institutional walls, an attempt is made to escape the sterile solitude of the consulting rooms and to bypass a hierarchy of positions and knowledge. The convocation is realized each time by different institutions in different countries, and the analysts and others who participate in the Reunion do so in their own name and by not representing any institution or country. There are no predetermined themes nor is there a selection of the papers beforehand.

The times for the presentations are drawn by lot, and at the end of each paper the presenter announces and coordinates the work following. The amount of time given to each presentation is the same for all participants: twenty minutes for the presentation and ten minutes for the discussion. In this manner the participants authorize themselves to speak from themselves with each other, hereby giving evidence of the richness of singularity in the exchange of the production.

At the end of the work the Reunion dissolves itself. In this process of finishing the work an assembly is formed, where the institutions that convoked the Reunion open the possibility of a realization or not of a new Lacanoamerican Reunion of Psychoanalysis. In case there are voices in favor of this, a new process will be launched around the following Lacanoamerican Reunion of Psychoanalysis with the election of a place and an Organizational Committee.

Up until now this process has always been repeated affirmatively, which shows the fertility of the device and the support given to the exchange of products of work. The diversity in the papers presented indicates points of singularity in the social bond amongst the participants and it is this that makes the Lacanoamerican Reunion of Psychoanalysis an enriching experience. This exchange allows the posing of questions towards a passive defence of a crystallized knowledge. It opens the possibility of the advancement of psychoanalysis, that which is once more linked with the fact of having to articulate oneself with castration.

The Freudian School of Melbourne has been a convoking institution of The Lacanoamerican Reunion of Psychoanalysis since its inception. Some of the other convoking institutions are Analyse Freudienne, Escuela de Psicoanálisis Sigmund Freud Rosário, Escuela Freudiana de Buenos Aires, Institución Psicoanalítica de Buenos Aires, Escola Lacaniana da Bahia, Interseção Psicanalítica do Brasil, Mayéutica Institución Psicoanalítica, Toro de Psicanálise, Grupo de Psicoanálisis de Tucumán, Grupo Valp(araiso) Chile, and Espacio Psicoanalítico.

In the invitation to the convoking institutions of the Lacanoamerican Reunion of Psychoanalysis of Florianópolis the organizers underline the insistence in different countries to revoke the attempts made to gag psychoanalysis into a regulated official profession. The violence of the increasing legalistic influence in the field of medical action also intrudes and constantly underwrites the ethics of the psychoanalytic act. This tendency is seen as being supported by the discourse of techno-sciences which promises to do away with the pain of existence. Furthermore concerns are raised towards the extinction of singularity, which is seen in the effects of a discourse of globalization and the idolatry of jouissance that provokes a negation of all limits. This is an invitation to discussions around how such effects occur in the clinical practice of psychoanalysis.

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