

SPEAKERS

(Založba ZRC, 2002); Večnost in spreminjanje. Filozofija v brezsvetnem času (Eternity and Change. Philosophy in the Worldless Time, Založba ZRC, Ljubljana 2012; A política e a psicanálise: do nao-todo ao para todos, Lume editor, São Paulo 2019. Currently she is working on a forthcoming volume entitled Volonté et Désir (Harmattan)

Arthur Sollie studied philosophy at the University of Paris 8 and psychology at the University of Ghent, where he is now preparing a PhD on psychosis.

Gertrudis Van de Vijver is professor of philosophy at Ghent University and has a private psychoanalytical practice in Ghent.

Alenka Zupančič is a Slovene philosopher and social theorist, one of the prominent members of the "Ljubljana school of psychoanalysis". She works as Research Councilor at the Institute of Philosophy, Scientific Research Center of the Slovene Academy of Sciences. She is also professor at the European Graduate School in Switzerland, and is invited as guest lecturer to numerous universities worldwide. Notable for her work on the intersection of philosophy and psychoanalysis, she is the author of numerous articles and many books, including Ethics of the Real: Kant and Lacan; Why Psychoanalysis: Three Interventions; The Odd One In: On Comedy; What is Sex? and Let Them Rot: Antigone's Parallax.

PRACTICALITIES

DATE AND LOCATION

Wednesday April 19th 2023, 9 am - 5 pm
CCM Meulestede,
Meulesteedsesteenweg 515, 9000 Gent

INSCRIPTION

through [our website](#)
entrance:

- 60 euro
- 50 euro for members of GPP
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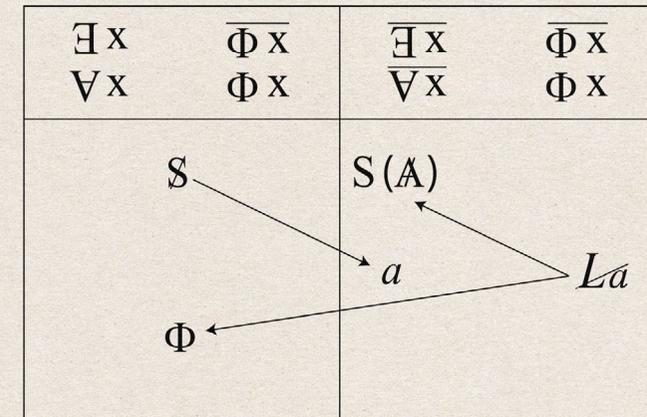
LUNCH

(vegetarian) curry and dessert for 17€ (including drinks), only through reservation and payment before April 10th 2023.

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Accreditation for medical doctors is asked.

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ORGANISATION AND INFORMATION

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In 1972-1973, Lacan gave his 20th seminar, for an audience steadily growing in number, causing, so it seems from listening to the audio-recordings, some fatigue and even, at times, some despair on his part. The effort made by Lacan is quite impressive – during this seminar he is paying his price by trying to articulate something about the sexual relationship and its impossibility. What is there to say, from an experience that is to be called psychoanalytical, about that which makes us be driven to enjoy, again and again? How to speak adequately about sex, its relation to pleasure, pain, enjoyment? How to avoid the traps of popularity, of paternalism, of moralization? And above all: how to pass on the delicate and inevitably singularly anchored analytical experience to future analysts? That is the difficult exercise Lacan here takes up.

His choice is to approach the sexual relationship (and its impossibility) as a concept, something involving a logics, that is, a particular organization of discourse that demands articulation. No issues with sexuality without discourse, so we can say. Lacan's formulas of sexualization have to be understood against this background: they are about logical positions that allow, or don't allow, for ways of making an "all", a collectivity, a group, and they assume a body, with its sexual energy, its libido, operative through partialized points of access to *jouissance*. In this, classical philosophical discussions and dichotomies about substance and attribute, about function and object, about being and appearing, ... demand some subversive revisiting.

The way in which Lacan is not backing down from this exercise is promising as well as challenging, not just for those who, today, are moved and motivated by pressing diversity- and gender struggles, but also for philosophers, psychoanalysts and clinicians who are willing to open up their conceptual repertoires for that which appears as escaping, again and again, "encore" and "en-corps".

Gertrudis Van de Vijver

- 9u00 Registration
- 9u20 Welcome and introduction
Gertrudis Van de Vijver
The sexual holds for no one, if it doesn't hold for everyone
- 9u40 Alenka Zupančič
This is not it
- 10u20 Marc De Kesel
About a discourse that is not mystical, or even worse. On Lacan, Seminar XX: Encore
- 11u00 Coffee break
- 11u20 Arthur Sollie
Sex happens, or how to misread that "there is no sexual relationship"
- 12u00 Discussion
- 12u30 Lunch
- 14u00 Jelica Šumič Riha
Lacan on the Mystical *Jouissance* of Being
- 14u40 Christian Fierens
What remains hidden behind sexualization?
- 15u20 Coffee break
- 15u40 Discussion and concluding remarks
- 17u00 End

Marc De Kesel is endowed professor Theology, Mysticism & Modernity at the Radboud University Nijmegen (The Netherlands). His fields of research are Continental Philosophy, Theory of Religion, Holocaust Reception, Freud-Lacanian Theory, Theory of Modern Art. Recent publications: *Het Munchausenparadigma. Waarom Freud en Lacan ertoe doen* [The Munchausen Paradigm. Why Freud & Lacan Matter], Nijmegen, 2019). To appear in 2023: *Effacing the Self. Mysticism and the Modern Subject* (Albany, NY: SUNY Press); *Seks in biopolitieke tijden: Levenskunst met Foucault en Lacan* [Sex in Biopolitical Times: the Art of Living with Foucault and Lacan] (Amsterdam: Boom).

Christian Fierens is a psychoanalyst who practices in Tervuren. He is also a psychiatrist, as well as having a PhD on the question of psychosis in Freud's work. He has published a number of books on Freudian and Lacanian psychoanalysis - Latest works : « *Le Principe de jouissance* » (2020 - translated « *The jouissance principle* » 2021), « *Tenir pour vrai* » (2020), « *Lecture de l'identification de Lacan - de l'utopie d'identité au moteur de l'invention* » (2022).

Jelica Šumič Riha is Professor of Philosophy at the Postgraduate School of Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts and Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Philosophy, Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts. She was visiting professor at the University of Essex, University Paris 8, Universidad de Buenos Aires and University of São Paulo. In 2000-2002 she conducted a seminar "Le pour tous face au réel" at the Collège international de philosophie in Paris (together with Rado Riha). She has published a number of philosophical works, including *Politik der Wahrheit* (with Alain Badiou, Jacques Rancière and Rado Riha), *Turia+Kant*, Vienna 1997, *Universel, Singulier, Sujet* (with Alain Badiou et al), Kimé, Paris 2000; *Mutations of Ethics*