

HYSTERIA

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I will be teaching on Hysteria for three Saturdays from the 20th of April until the 4th of May 2013. We will study three of Freud's famous case examples of hysteria so you will need to be familiar with: Elisabeth Von R., in *Studies in Hysteria*; Dora in 'Fragment of a case of Hysteria,' as well as, The Dream of the Butcher's Witty wife (Smoked Salmon dream), in *The Interpretation of Dreams*. We will follow these cases from Freud through to Lacan.

In the first week our focus will be on 'Studies in Hysteria' we will consider the case of Elisabeth Von R., as well as some of Freud's shorter papers on sexuality and identification. Dora and the dream of the Butcher's wife will also be introduced.

In the second week we will study the case of Dora in light of Lacan's teachings in *Presentation of the Transference* and *Seminars 111 and 1V*.

In our final week, we will consider selected chapters from Lacan's *Seminar V The Formations of the Unconscious*; as well as his papers from Ecrtis: 'Subversion of the Subject and the Dialectic of Desire' and 'The Direction of the Treatment and the Principles of Its Power'.

We will consider:

- Hysteria as a structure with an emphasis on Conversion Hysteria
- Symptom formation, and modes of defense against an incompatible idea
- Hysterical mechanisms, especially Identification
- The Hysteric's question
- The Hysterical fantasy and the subject's relation to the Other, the object, jouissance and desire
- The transference and direction of the treatment in hysteria

Sigmund Freud

(1893) 'Some Points for a Comparative Study of Organic and Hysterical Motor Paralysis.' SE: 1. 157-172

(1895) *Studies In Hysteria* (with Breuer) SE11: Chapter 11 part 5; Elisabeth Von R & chapter 1V (Freud) 'The Psychotherapy of Hysteria.'

(1900) *The Interpretation of Dreams*: The 'smoked salmon dream' and its analysis. SE 1V: 146

(1905e(1901)) *Fragment of a case of Hysteria* SE V11: 3

(1906) *My Views on the part played by sexuality in the Aetiology of the neuroses* SE 7: 271

(1908) *Hysterical Fantasies and their Relation to Bisexuality* SE 1X:157

(1909) *Some General Remarks on Hysterical Attacks* SE 1X:227

(1921) *Group Psychology & The Analysis of the Ego*: chapter V11: Identification

Jacques Lacan

- (1955-56) *The Seminar Book 111, The Psychoses* Trans. R. Grigg. Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 1993). Chapters 12 & 13: 162-182
- (2006(1951)) Presentation on transference. *‘Ecrits:* Trans. B. Fink, New York and London, W.W. Norton & Company: 176-85
- (1956-57) *The Seminar, Book 1V, The Object Relation*. Session: 23rd January 1957
- (1958-59) *The Seminar, Book V, The Formations of the Unconscious*. Sessions: 9/4/1958, 16/4/1958, 17/5/1958, 4/6/1958, & 18/6/1958
- (2006 (1958)) Subversion of the subject and the dialectic of desire. *Ecrits:* 671-702.
- (2006(1960)) The direction of the treatment and the principles of its power. *Ecrits:* 489-542. esp section V.

Further Reading

- Braunstein, N, (1995) Jouissance in hysteria. *Analysis* 6:71-90
- Soler, C. (1996) Hysteria and Obsession. In Eds. R. Feldstein, Fink, & M, Jaanus. *Reading Seminars 1 & 11: Lacan’s Return to Freud*. Albany, State University of New York Press.
- Verhaeghe, P. (1997) *Does the Woman Exist? From Freud’s Hysteric to Lacan’s Feminine*. Trans. M. du Ry. London, Rebus Press.
- Voruz, V.(2007) A Lacanian Reading of Dora. In Eds. V. Voruz and B. Wolf. *The Later Lacan: An Introduction*. New York, State University of New York Press.