



Invitation to a learning cartel based on Lacan's Seminar 2.

The reading task of this cartel is Lacan's Seminar 2: *The Ego in Freud's Theory and in the Technique of Psychoanalysis 1954-1955*. While Seminar 1 traces the vicissitudes of the Imaginary and the Symbolic via Freud's papers on technique; Seminar 2 examines the symbolic order as an algorithmic machine that stamps out primordial experience and creates a new order of ex-istance for the subject. Why is there a repetitive insistence in the subject and the neurotic symptom? What does the *Purloined Letter* tell us about the structural workings of the unconscious? Why is there a beyond of the pleasure principal? Why does Lacan regard the unconscious as the discourse of the Other? These and many other questions are raised in this seminar.

In the Lacanian tradition of learning psychoanalysis, the learning group is known as a *cartel*. The cartel is a task-based, closed, time-limited, small group learning activity that has no knowledge-broker or master. The *Plus 1* is a role which is undertaken by an outsider who is presumed to be able to deepen and enrich the member's questions related to the learning task at certain moments in the cartel's process. The purpose of this learning methodology is to resist organizing knowledge in relation to a "subject-supposed-to-know", and to prevent hierarchical institutionalization of learning praxis.

TIME:	The time for the cartel will be a weekly, 1 hour meeting at 1pm on Friday afternoons (UTC +2)
HOW LONG	Approximately 24 weeks
WHO CAN ATTEND?	Anybody who has an interest in Freudian and Lacanian psychoanalysis. You do not need to be a mental health practitioner or have any prior experience in Lacanian texts.
PLUS-1	Prof. Derek Hook
CONVENER	Dr. Clinton van der Walt
FEE	The fee is R500 per month per member. This fee is to cover the general administration of the group and CPD registration.

Should you be interested in joining this cartel, or should you have any questions please email Dr. Clinton van der Walt at psypractice@mweb.co.za, or Dr. Nardus Saayman at nardus4@googlemail.com