

## The Lacanian Learning Collective SA



Dear colleagues. I am writing to inform you about a new psychoanalytic learning initiative. This initiative aims to study, interrogate and develop the ideas and clinical practice of Lacanian psychoanalysis. This learning community is interest-based and is broadly inclusive of anyone who wishes to systematically engage with Lacanian and Freudian psychoanalytic concepts.

We are aiming to start somewhere near the beginning of Lacan's substantial body of work with a discussion by Derek Hook orientating us to the first of Lacan's Seminars via the launching pad of *The Function and Field of Speech and Language in Psychoanalysis* (Lacan, 1953). Thereafter we will establish a reading group for Seminar 1 (*Freud's Papers on Technique*). Both the introductory lecture and the reading group will be initiated in January 2022.

As clinical praxis is an emphasis in our Learning Collective, we will also create a group to examine our specific cases through a Lacanian lens. We also aim to engage various figures in the Lacanian field to assist our learning in this area.

Should you be interested in the activities of this initiative, please email Clinton van der Walt ([psypractice@mweb.co.za](mailto:psypractice@mweb.co.za)) to be included in our communication database.

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