Appel à candidatures 2019 à l'université d'été Université Sorbonne Nouvelle/Université américaine de Northwestern

The Summer Institute of Psychoanalysis addresses the impact of psychoanalytic thought on what it does not consider to be its primary target: culture, as expressed by other branches of knowledge as well as media in the broadest sense of the word from literature, cinema, and performance arts to social media. The Institute engages a conversation between psychoanalysis understood as theory, as clinical practice, and as ways of addressing the emotional spaces that other intellectual fields and creative media open up on a personal and collective level.

Each annual session unites an international cluster of universities through a cooperative effort between the Sorbonne-Nouvelle and Northwestern University. Gatherings take place in a different location each year in late June or early July at one of these participating academic institutions.

The 2019 edition is scheduled to take place in Chicago at Northwestern University from June 24th through the 27th and is dedicated to the interrelation between psychoanalysis and philosophy. Both discourses have been understood as originating in wonder, resisting institutional practices, and running the risk of becoming impossible or untenable, especially in recent times. Both modes of reflection also have laid claim to providing strong foundations for critical thinking and political resistance. At the same time, both disciplines need to meet the challenge of defining new geographies and cultural contexts for their continuing relevance.

We must approach psychoanalysis and philosophy in their reciprocal transference by attending as a collective to a crucial set of open questions. What is the relationship between the subject and the world? What do we mean when we speak of “subjects”? What is the place of sexuality? How shall I/we live? What is more important: freedom or happiness? How can we define truth, illusion, and belief in terms that are meaningful to the current moment?

The four plenary lectures in 2019 are:

- Isabelle Alfandary (Professor, Paris 3 Sorbonne and President, Collège International de Philosophie), “Psychoanalysis with or without Transference”
- Michael Levine (Professor, Rutgers University), “A Flair for Theory: Freud, Fliess, Derrida, Kafka”
- Rosaura Martinez (Professor, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México), “Trauma, Psychoanalytical Frame, and Performativity”
- Eric Santner (Philip and Ida Romberg Distinguished Service Professor, University of Chicago), “Three Essays on the Sexuality of Theory”

In addition, there are two faculty-led workshops:

- Alessia Ricciardi (Professor, Northwestern), “Psychoanalysis of Seduction: Reading Laplanche with Butler”
- Domietta Torlasco (Professor, Northwestern), “Media and the Psychoanalysis of Rhythm: Lacoue-Labarthe, Derrida, and Stiegler”
Format

- Senior and junior researchers run workshops on texts and questions that have been circulated.
- A plenary lecture is given on each day of the week.
- The 2019 session will last for four consecutive days starting on Monday, June 24th, and ending on Thursday, June 27th.
- It will be run by psychoanalysts as well as researchers and teachers from all disciplines.
- All workshops, lectures, and debates are in English.

Requirements

- Applications are due by January 25th, 2019.
- PhD students and post-doctoral students are welcome to apply.
- Applicants are invited to submit a letter of application of no more than 800 words as well as a résumé.
- The Summer Institute of Psychoanalysis is free of charge to all participants. Participants have to take care of their accommodations in and travel expenses to Chicago.