

FREUD IV: Theoretical and Clinical Papers in Freud's Middle-to-Late Period

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COURSE OUTLINE AND READINGS

Course Description and Course Objectives

This course will survey some of Freud's major and nuanced, influential writings with respect to psychoanalytical theory, psychotherapy, as well as culture and its vicissitudes. Some of the seminal papers and monographs of Freud's Middle and Later periods will receive especial focus. The continuing evolution and relevance of Freud's thought across time will be examined in light of the prior courses offered in this sequence. While often discussed, it has appeared that even a fair number of psychoanalytic institutes may not require that candidates actually read and critically discuss the primary texts that constitute the touchstone for any discourse that claims to situate itself within the psychoanalytical movement. For example, concepts such as the ego, the id, and the super-ego are so widely discussed as to be incorporated in rather *clibéd*, and hence, extremely imprecise ways. Indeed, so commonly spoken and used are these terms that they quite possibly become stripped of their essentials. The course will similarly examine Freud's own shift of emphasis from the focus on the individual's dynamic unconscious into conjectures about the functioning of the Ego; and increased emphasis on culture and its vicissitudes; and further speculations on the place of theory *vis-à-vis* clinical technique.

Office Hours

Office hours are by appointment. Candidates are encouraged to avail themselves of the instructor's office hour availability. The Instructor is in the office Monday through Friday, and available for assuring student access, as needed.

Course Expectations

1. It is anticipated that all readings be completed prior to the class session so as to permit a seminar-like style, ambiance, and dialogue. Classroom discussion, including *Question & Answer*, struggling creatively with the ambiguities often inherent in such work will be a principle way in which the course will proceed; and provide the instructor with a basis for assessing each member's internalisation of course content.
2. It is the responsibility of students with special needs to bring these to the attention of the Instructor.

Course Readings

Required readings that may fall outside of more readily obtained books/texts will be provided by the Instructor.

Class One *On the origins of culture. The fate of the drives. Part I*

Freud, S (1912-1913). Ch 1: 'The Horror of Incest'; Ch 2: 'Taboo and Emotional Ambivalence'. In: *Totem and Taboo. The Standard Edition of the Complete Psychological Works of Sigmund Freud*, 13:1-161. London: Hogarth Press.

Class Two *Class one, continued. Part II*

Freud, S (1912-1913). Ch 3: 'Animism, Magic, and the Omnipotence of Thoughts'; Ch 4: 'The Return of Totemism in Childhood'. In: *Totem and Taboo. The Standard Edition of the Complete Psychological Works of Sigmund Freud*, 13:1-161. London: Hogarth Press.

Class Three *Continued theoretical refinements, Part I.*

Freud, S (1914). "On Narcissism: An Introduction". *The Standard Edition of the Complete Psychological Works of Sigmund Freud*, 14:67-102. London: Hogarth Press.

Freud, S (1915). "Instincts and Their Vicissitudes". *The Standard Edition of the Complete Psychological Works of Sigmund Freud*, 14:109-140. London: Hogarth Press.

Class Four *Continued theoretical refinements, Part II.*

Freud, S (1919). "Lines of Advance in Psycho-analytic Therapy". *The Standard Edition of the Complete Psychological Works of Sigmund Freud*, 17:157-168. London: Hogarth Press.

Freud, S (1919). "A Child Is Being Beaten: A Contribution to the Study on the Origin of Sexual Perversions". *The Standard Edition of the Complete Psychological Works of Sigmund Freud*, 17:175-204. London: Hogarth Press.

Class Five *Continued theoretical refinements, Part III.*

Freud, S (1919). "The 'Uncanny'". *The Standard Edition of the Complete Psychological Works of Sigmund Freud*, 17:217-252. London: Hogarth Press.

Freud, S (1920). "The Psychogenesis of a Case of Female Homosexuality". *The Standard Edition of the Complete Psychological Works of Sigmund Freud*, 18:145-172. London: Hogarth Press.

Freud, S (1920). *Beyond the Pleasure Principle. The Standard Edition of the Complete Psychological Works of Sigmund Freud*, 18:1-64. London: Hogarth Press.

Class Six *Continued theoretical refinements, Part IV.*

Freud, S (1923). *The Ego and the Id. The Standard Edition of the Complete Psychological Works of Sigmund Freud*, 19:1-59. London: Hogarth Press.

Freud, S (1924). "Neurosis and Psychosis". *The Standard Edition of the Complete Psychological Works of Sigmund Freud*, 19:147-153. London: Hogarth Press.

Freud, S (1924). "The Dissolution of the Oedipus Complex". *The Standard Edition of the Complete Psychological Works of Sigmund Freud*, 19:233-239. London: Hogarth Press.

Freud, S (1925). "Negation". *The Standard Edition of the Complete Psychological Works of Sigmund Freud*, 19:233-239. London: Hogarth Press.

Class Seven *Continued theoretical developments regarding culture, religion, the arts; the fate of the drives, Part III.*

Freud, S (1927). *The Future of an Illusion. The Standard Edition of the Complete Psychological Works of Sigmund Freud*, 19:233-239. London: Hogarth Press.

Freud, S (1927). Sections I-IV: *Civilization and its Discontents. The Standard Edition of the Complete Psychological Works of Sigmund Freud*, 21:57-145. London: Hogarth Press.

Class Eight *Continued theoretical developments regarding culture, religion, the arts; the fate of the drives, Part IV.
Continued theoretical refinements, Part V.*

Freud, S (1927). Sections V-VIII: *Civilization and its Discontents. The Standard Edition of the Complete Psychological Works of Sigmund Freud*, 21:57-145. London: Hogarth Press.

Freud, S (1937). “Analysis Terminable and Interminable”. *The Standard Edition of the Complete Psychological Works of Sigmund Freud*, 23:211-253. London: Hogarth Press.

Freud, S (1938). “Splitting of the Ego in the process of Defence”: *Civilization and its Discontents. The Standard Edition of the Complete Psychological Works of Sigmund Freud*, 23:271-278. London: Hogarth Press.

Class Nine *Continued theoretical and clinical refinements, Part VI.*

Freud, S (1916-1917). Part III: Chapters XVII: “The Sense of Symptoms”; XVIII: “Fixation to Traumas – The Unconscious”; XIX: “Resistance and Repression”. In *Introductory Lectures on Psychoanalysis. The Standard Edition of the Complete Psychological Works of Sigmund Freud*, 16-17. London: Hogarth Press.

Class Ten *Continued theoretical and clinical refinements, Part VII.*

Freud, S (1916-1917). Part III: Chapters XX: “The Sexual Life of Human Beings”; XXII: “Some Thoughts on Development and Regression -- Aetiology”; XXIII: “The Paths to the Formation of Symptoms”. In *Introductory Lectures on Psychoanalysis. The Standard Edition of the Complete Psychological Works of Sigmund Freud*, 16-17. London: Hogarth Press.

Class Eleven *Continued theoretical and clinical refinements, Part VIII.*

Freud, S (1916-1917). Part III: Chapters XXIV: “The Common Neurotic State”; XXV: “Anxiety”; XXVI: “The Libido Theory and Narcissism”. In *Introductory Lectures on Psychoanalysis. The Standard Edition of the Complete Psychological Works of Sigmund Freud*, 16-17. London: Hogarth Press.

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Required Readings:

Freud, S. *The Standard Edition of the Complete Psychological Works of Sigmund Freud*. London: Hogarth Press.

Giovacchini, P (1980). *A Clinician's Guide to Reading Freud*. Northvale, New Jersey: Jason Aronson.

Quinodoz Jean-Michel [Trans by David Alcorn] (2005/2006). *Reading Freud: A Chronological Exploration of Freud's Writings*. London: Routledge