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## On Subjective Space

When we say “space” we think we understand what we are talking about, even though the idea of space has given rise over the centuries to subtle philosophical, religious, and scientific debates that have yielded contrasting theories. From a psychoanalytic point of view, the relation to space appears above all libidinalized, mediated by the signifying relation by means of which we approach the world. Returning to Freud’s concepts of libido, desire, fantasy, and psychic reality, and to Lacan’s notion of the subject, we will explore the transference relationship a person has with the milieu to which he/she belongs.

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### CONTINUING EDUCATION INFORMATION

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES:** Participants will be able to (1) describe the early constitution of the subjective space and its subsequent unfolding in the infant-caregiver relationship, and (2) describe the categories of subject and object in the psychoanalytic field, based on Freud’s study of psychic reality and Lacan’s notion of *fantasm*, and their clinical implications.

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