

Syllabus
PT 161 Libido Theory in Freud
E. Barz Fall 2017

Wed. 7:30-9:30
CMPS: 30 Clock Hours
NYGSP: 2 Credits

Course Description

This course studies Freud's papers on human sexuality and libido theory from the seduction theory to infantile sexuality, the perversions, transference love, and the concept of Eros as a binding force. Contemporary ideas are discussed in relation to Freud's understanding of the part played by the libido in sexuality, civilization, and the binding of destructive forces.

Objectives

Students who complete this course successfully will be able to:

- trace the development of the concept of libido in Freud's thought from its origin to his final statement;
- identify the significant differences between the "libido" as originally conceived and the "libido" as a part of the larger concept of "Eros" ;
- discuss some of the clinical implications of the changes Freud made to his original concept, including the concepts of ego-libido, object-libido, and narcissism;
- formulate some ideas on symptom formation, anxiety, and sublimation; and
- raise some questions about Freud's libido theory, on the basis of class discussions of some criticisms that have been raised and/or on the basis of other reading or experience.

Course Requirements

- 1) Students will be expected to study the required readings before class and be prepared to discuss them.
- 2) A log of each class should be emailed to the instructor at ellenbarz@gmail.com before the start of the next scheduled class. Logs are a private communication to Dr. Holmes, in which the student is invited to explore ideas and feelings about the readings and class discussion, as well as offer criticisms, questions, and relevant personal information. The email subject should be PT161 and the text should be written directly into the email rather than as an attachment.
- 3) A final 6-8 page paper, (double spaced and typed), which may either be handed in or emailed to Dr. Holmes at the end of the semester.

Methods of Evaluation

- 1) informed participation in discussions, demonstrating both a grasp of the basic ideas, and an appreciation of the central importance of the “libido” in the origin and evolution of psychoanalysis, both as theory and as practice;
- 2) participation that demonstrates the practical importance of the libido in the creation of a productive learning environment such as a classroom;
- 3) well-written logs (submitted on time) that contribute significantly to the student’s learning;
- 4) a well-written final paper (submitted on time) that attempts to present an overview of the student’s grasp of the material, while having a specific focus, either on a particular clinical issue, or on a particular question of interest to the student.

Assigned Readings

All Freud references are to the *Standard Edition*, London, Hogarth Press, 1953-1974, and all are available on the PEP database.

Class 1

Freud, S. (1953). Fragment of an analysis of a case of hysteria. In J. Strachey (Ed. and Trans.), *The standard edition of the complete psychological works of Sigmund Freud* (Vol. 7, pp. 15-63). London, England: Hogarth Press. (Original work published 1905)

Class 2

Freud, S. (1953). Fragment of an analysis of a case of hysteria. In J. Strachey (Ed. and Trans.), *The standard edition of the complete psychological works of Sigmund Freud* (Vol. 7, pp. 64-122). London, England: Hogarth Press. (Original work published 1905)

Class 3

Freud, S. (1953). Three essays on the theory of sexuality. In J. Strachey (Ed. and Trans.), *The standard edition of the complete psychological works of Sigmund Freud* (Vol. 7, pp. 135-169). London, England: Hogarth Press. (Original work published 1905)

Class 4

Freud, S. (1953). Three essays on the theory of sexuality: the differentiation between men and women and the finding of an object. In J. Strachey (Ed. and Trans.), *The standard edition of the complete psychological works of Sigmund Freud* (Vol. 7, pp. 219-230). London, England: Hogarth Press. (Original work published 1905)

Freud, S. (1961). Some psychological consequences of the anatomical distinction between the sexes. In J. Strachey (Ed. and Trans.), *The standard edition of the complete psychological works of Sigmund Freud* (Vol. 19, pp. 243-258). London, England: Hogarth Press. (Original work published 1925)

Class 5

- Freud, S. (1959). "Civilized" sexual morality and modern nervous illness. In J. Strachey (Ed. and Trans.), *The standard edition of the complete psychological works of Sigmund Freud* (Vol. 9, pp. 177-204). London, England: Hogarth Press. (Original work published 1908)
- Freud, S. (1957). A special type of choice of object made by men. In J. Strachey (Ed. and Trans.), *The standard edition of the complete psychological works of Sigmund Freud* (Vol. 11, pp. 163-175). London, England: Hogarth Press. (Original work published 1910)

Class 6

- Freud, S. (1957). On the universal tendency to debasement in the sphere of love. In J. Strachey (Ed. and Trans.), *The standard edition of the complete psychological works of Sigmund Freud* (Vol. 11, pp. 179-191). London, England: Hogarth Press. (Original work published 1912)
- Freud, S. (1955). On transformations of instinct as exemplified in anal eroticism. In J. Strachey (Ed. and Trans.), *The standard edition of the complete psychological works of Sigmund Freud* (Vol. 17, pp. 127-133). London, England: Hogarth Press. (Original work published 1917)
- Freud, S. (1961). The dissolution of the Oedipus complex. In J. Strachey (Ed. and Trans.), *The standard edition of the complete psychological works of Sigmund Freud* (Vol. 19, pp. 173-179). London, England: Hogarth Press. (Original work published 1924)

Class 7

- Freud, S. (1955). The horror of incest. Totem and taboo. In J. Strachey (Ed. and Trans.), *The standard edition of the complete psychological works of Sigmund Freud* (Vol. 13, pp. 1-17). London, England: Hogarth Press. (Original work published 1913)
- Freud, S. (1961). Dostoevsky and parricide. In J. Strachey (Ed. and Trans.), *The standard edition of the complete psychological works of Sigmund Freud* (Vol. 21, pp. 177-194). London, England: Hogarth Press. (Original work published 1928)

Class 8

- Freud, S. (1957). Instincts and their vicissitudes. In J. Strachey (Ed. and Trans.), *The standard edition of the complete psychological works of Sigmund Freud* (Vol. 14, pp. 117-140). London, England: Hogarth Press. (Original work published 1915)

Class 9

- Freud, S. (1957). Taboo of virginity. In J. Strachey (Ed. and Trans.), *The standard edition of the complete psychological works of Sigmund Freud* (Vol. 11, pp. 192-208). London, England: Hogarth Press. (Original work published 1918)
- Freud, S. (1955). "A child is being beaten": a contribution to the study of the origin of sexual perversions. In J. Strachey (Ed. and Trans.), *The standard edition of the complete psychological works of Sigmund Freud* (Vol. 17, pp. 175-204). London, England: Hogarth Press. (Original work published 1919)

Class 10

- Freud, S. (1955). Some neurotic mechanisms in jealousy, paranoia and homosexuality. In J. Strachey (Ed. and Trans.), *The standard edition of the complete psychological works of Sigmund Freud* (Vol. 18, pp. 221-232). London, England: Hogarth Press. (Original work published 1922)
- Freud, S. (1958). Observations on transference love. In J. Strachey (Ed. and Trans.), *The standard edition of the complete psychological works of Sigmund Freud* (Vol. 12, pp. 157-171). London, England: Hogarth Press. (Original work published 1915)

Class 11

- Freud, S. (1961). Female sexuality (parts 1-3). In J. Strachey (Ed. and Trans.), *The standard edition of the complete psychological works of Sigmund Freud* (Vol. 21, pp. 223-243). London, England: Hogarth Press. (Original work published 1931)
- Freud, S. (1964). Development of the sexual function. In J. Strachey (Ed. and Trans.), *The standard edition of the complete psychological works of Sigmund Freud* (Vol. 23, pp. 152-156). London, England: Hogarth Press. (Original work published 1940)

Class 12

- Freud, S. (1964). Femininity: New introductory lectures on psychoanalysis. In J. Strachey (Ed. and Trans.), *The standard edition of the complete psychological works of Sigmund Freud* (Vol. 22, pp. 112-135). London, England: Hogarth Press. (Original work published 1932)
- Freud, S. (1964). Libidinal types. In J. Strachey (Ed. and Trans.), *The standard edition of the complete psychological works of Sigmund Freud* (Vol. 21, pp. 217-220). London, England: Hogarth Press. (Original work published 1931)

Additional Suggested Readings

- Chodorow, N. J. (1992). Heterosexuality as a compromise formation: Reflections on the psychoanalytic theory of sexual development. *Psychoanalysis and Contemporary Thought*, 15, 267-304.
- Freud, S. (1955). The horror of incest. Totem and taboo. In J. Strachey (Ed. and Trans.), *The standard edition of the complete psychological works of Sigmund Freud* (Vol. 13, pp. 1-17). London, England: Hogarth Press. (Original work published 1913)
- Freud, S. (1961). Dostoevsky and parricide. In J. Strachey (Ed. and Trans.), *The standard edition of the complete psychological works of Sigmund Freud* (Vol. 21, pp. 177-194). London, England: Hogarth Press. (Original work published 1928)
- Freud, S. (1961). Female sexuality (parts 1-3). In J. Strachey (Ed. and Trans.), *The standard edition of the complete psychological works of Sigmund Freud* (Vol. 21, pp. 223-243). London, England: Hogarth Press. (Original work published 1931)
- Green, A. (2003). *The chains of Eros: The sexual in psychoanalysis*. (L. Thurston, Trans.). London, England: Karnac Books.
- Green, A. (1995). Has sexuality anything to do with psychoanalysis? *International Journal of Psychoanalysis*, 76, 871-883.
- Green, A. (1997). Opening remarks to a discussion of sexuality in contemporary psychoanalysis. *International Journal of Psychoanalysis*, 78, 345-350.
- Makari, G. (2008). The unhappy marriage of Psyche and Eros. In *Revolution in mind: The creation of psychoanalysis* (pp. 85-125). New York, NY: Harper Collins.