

Syllabus
PT 161 History of Libido Theory in Freud
A. Musolino Fall 2018

Wed. 5:30-7:30
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; and
- formulate some ideas on symptom formation, anxiety, and sublimation.

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 amusolino@cmps.edu before the start of the next scheduled class. Logs are a private communication to Ms. Musolino, in which the student is invited to explore ideas and feelings about the readings and class discussion. The email subject should be PT161 and the text should be written directly into the email rather than as an attachment. The email length should be no more than what would fill 5X8 index card.
- 3) Each student will be assigned to read and comment on the readings for one week. The comments should be written and typed on one page of 8½ x 11 paper and handed in for the assigned week's reading.

Methods of Evaluation

- 1) informed participation in discussions, demonstrating a grasp of the basic ideas;
- 2) well-written logs (submitted on time) that contribute significantly to the student's learning;
- 3) selection of an article or chapter that provides commentary on one or more aspects of Freud's libido theory from a contemporary perspective from a source not on the syllabus;
- 4) a final paper, specifics to be discussed and determined during the class.

To access full text documents from the PEP links, you'll need to first log into your PEP account.

Assigned Readings

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)
<http://www.pep-web.org/document.php?id=se.007.0000a>

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)
<http://www.pep-web.org/document.php?id=se.007.0000a>

Quinodoz, J. (2005). "Fragment of an analysis of a case of hysteria" (Dora). In *Reading Freud: A chronological exploration of Freud's writings* (D. Alcorn, Trans.) (pp. 65-72). London, England: Routledge.

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)
<http://www.pep-web.org/document.php?id=se.007.0000a>

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)
<http://www.pep-web.org/document.php?id=se.007.0000a>

Quinodoz, J.-M. (2005). Three essays on the theory of sexuality. In *Reading Freud: A chronological exploration of Freud's writings* (D. Alcorn, Trans.) (pp. 57-64). London, England: Routledge.

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) <http://www.pep-web.org/document.php?id=se.019.0000a>

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)
<http://www.pep-web.org/document.php?id=se.009.0000a>

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)
<http://www.pep-web.org/document.php?id=se.011.0000a>

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)
<http://www.pep-web.org/document.php?id=se.011.0000a>
- 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)
<http://www.pep-web.org/document.php?id=se.017.0000a>
- 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)
<http://www.pep-web.org/document.php?id=se.019.0000a>

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)
<http://www.pep-web.org/document.php?id=se.013.0000a>
- Quinodoz, J-M. (2005). Totem and taboo: The horror of incest. In *Reading Freud: A chronological exploration of Freud's writings* (D. Alcorn, Trans.) (pp. 121-123). London, England: Routledge.
- 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)
<http://www.pep-web.org/document.php?id=se.021.0000a>

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)
<http://www.pep-web.org/document.php?id=se.014.0000a>
- Quinodoz, J-M. (2005). "Instincts and their vicissitudes". In *Reading Freud: A chronological exploration of Freud's writings* (D. Alcorn, Trans.) (pp. 135-140). London, England: Routledge.

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)
<http://www.pep-web.org/document.php?id=se.011.0000a>
- 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)
<http://www.pep-web.org/document.php?id=se.017.0000a>
- Quinodoz, J-M. (2005). "A child is being beaten". In *Reading Freud: A chronological exploration of Freud's writings* (D. Alcorn, Trans.) (pp. 171-176). London, England: Routledge.

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)

<http://www.pep-web.org/document.php?id=se.018.0000a>

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)

<http://www.pep-web.org/document.php?id=se.012.0000a>

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)

<http://www.pep-web.org/document.php?id=se.021.0000a>

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)

<http://www.pep-web.org/document.php?id=se.023.0000a>

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)

<http://www.pep-web.org/document.php?id=se.022.0000a>

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)

<http://www.pep-web.org/document.php?id=se.021.0000a>

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.
- 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.