

Theory 9639: Deleuze and Psychoanalysis

1: Course Information

Course Name and Number: Theory 9639, Deleuze and Psychoanalysis

Location: StvH 3165

Day and Time: Thursdays 3-6pm

2: Instructor Information

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3: Course Description:

The writings of Gilles Deleuze display a complex and prolonged engagement with psychoanalysis in many of its orthodox and heretical forms. This course undertakes a close examination of the ways Deleuze takes up, adapts and critiques various key concepts of psychoanalytic theory (including the unconscious, desire, sexuality, language, and human history). Students will undertake extended close readings of three Deleuze texts in their entirety: *Masochism: Coldness & Cruelty* (1967), *Logic of Sense* (1969) and *Anti-Oedipus* (1972), the last of which Deleuze co-wrote with the activist and institutional analyst Félix Guattari. In addition to these primary readings, students will also conduct a survey of surrounding, relevant psychoanalytic and para-psychoanalytic material, to create further contexts for understanding the impact of psychoanalysis on Deleuze's philosophical system in its development between the years 1967-1977.

4: Course Materials:

PDFs provided for the psychoanalytic and other para-Deleuzian readings.

Copies of the three Deleuze texts and Frank Wilderson's *Afropessimism* can be found at the UWO Bookstore.

Deleuze, Gilles. *Coldness and Cruelty*. Zone Books, \$33 (CAD)

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Deleuze, Gilles and Felix Guattari. *Anti-Oedipus*. Penguin. \$30 (CAD)

Wilderson, Frank. III. *Afropessimism*. Liveright. \$40 (CAD)

There are no restrictions to prevent a student from using a second-hand copy of the assigned books. For all other readings in the course, PDFS will be made available.

5: Methods of Evaluation:

Attendance and Participation (Ongoing): 10%

Seminar Presentation (Due weeks 4-13; 1hr in length, write-up submitted same day as presentation): 40%

Research Project (Due Apr 17, 2023, 20-25 double-spaced pages): 50%

Sign-up for seminars will take place in Week 1.

More information on research project available first week of classes

6: **Statement on Academic Offences** (*scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following Web site: http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_grad.pdf*).

7: List of Weekly Readings

Week 1 (Jan 9): Introduction to the Course

Aaron Schuster, *The Trouble with Pleasure: Deleuze and Psychoanalysis* (“Preface,” “Introduction”)

Frank Wilderson III, *Afropessimism* (2020), Chapter 1

Week 2 (Jan 16): Psychoanalysis, masochism I

Sigmund Freud, “The Economic Problem of Masochism” (1924)

Gilles Deleuze, *Coldness and Cruelty* (1967), Chapters 1-6

Week 3 (Jan 23): Psychoanalysis, masochism II

Gilles Deleuze, *Coldness and Cruelty* (1967), Chapters 7-11

Jacques Lacan, “Kant avec Sade” (1963)

Frank Wilderson III, *Afropessimism* (2020), Chapter 3

Week 4: (Jan 30): Psychoanalysis, masochism III

Karen Horney, “Masochism and Women” (1967)

Gayle Rubin, “The Leather Menace” (2011)

Chris Kraus, “Emotional Technologies” (2004)

Amber Jamilla Musser, *Sensational Flesh* (“Introduction”) (2014)

Week 5 (Feb 6): In preparation for *Logic of Sense: Psychoanalysis After Freud*

Melanie Klein, “Some Theoretical Conclusions Regarding the Emotional Life of the Infant” (1952)

Jacques Lacan, “The Mirror Stage...” (1936); “Seminar on the Purloined Letter” (1956)

Week 6 (Feb 13): *Logic of Sense* I

Gilles Deleuze, *Logic of Sense* (1969), Chapters 1-18

Feb 22 Reading Week

Week 7 (Feb 27): *Logic of Sense II*

Gilles Deleuze, *Logic of Sense* (1969), Chapters 19-34

Week 8 (Mar 6): In preparation for *Anti-Oedipus I: Classic Freud & Classic Guattari*

Sigmund Freud, "The Schreber Case" (1911), "Group Psychology" (1921)

Felix Guattari, "Transversality" (1972), "Machine and Structure" (1972)

Week 9 (March 13): In preparation for *Anti-Oedipus II: Precursor Heretics (cited by DG)*

Carl Jung, *Synchronicity, an acausal connecting principle* (1952)

Franz Fanon, *Black Skin, White Masks* (1952), selection

Wilhelm Reich, *The Mass Psychology of Fascism* (1933), selection

R.D. Laing, *The Politics of Experience* (1967), selection

Week 10 (March 20): *Anti-Oedipus I*

Gilles Deleuze and Felix Guattari, *Anti-Oedipus* (1972), Chapters 1, 2

Week 11: (March 27): *Anti-Oedipus II*

Gilles Deleuze and Felix Guattari, *Anti-Oedipus* (1972), Chapters 3, 4

Week 12: (April 3): *Afterwords*

Gilles Deleuze, "Dead Psychoanalysis: Analyze" (1977)

Luce Irigaray, "Psychoanalytic Theory: Another Look" (1985)

McKenzie Wark, "Dear Cis Analysts" (2022)

Frank Wilderson, III. *Afropessimism* (2020), Chapter 7, "Epilogue"