

Milltown Lacanian Association

Presents a

Study Day

Why War?

Einstein wrote to Freud on July 30th 1932, "Is there any way of delivering mankind from the menace of war?" (The discourse of the master: man at a certain distance from himself).

Freud replied with his usual subtlety and nuance "I would like to linger for a moment over our destructive instinct". (The discourse of the analyst: putting knowledge in the dock).

Freud's response obliges us to ask just how necessary our lives are to ourselves and others. As Lacan reminds us, every relationship of man with himself and others radically changes perspective if we take the Freudian discovery into account.

This day hopes to examine the implications of Freud's "Copernican Revolution" (Lacan).



Saturday 12th April 2025

Avila Conference Centre

Dublin

9.30 am *Welcome*: Eilish Griffin

Session 1 Chair: Gérard Amiel

09:35-10:15 **Yorgos Dimitriadis**

Title: *The war and Dr Charles
Melman's « Moses complex »*

10:15–10:45 **Angela Walsh**

Title: *Can mankind exist without Love and
Hate?*

10:45 -11:15 **Elsa Duverneuil**

Title: *Enclave*



Session 2 Chair: Stephanie Metcalfe

11:45 – 12:15pm: **Albert Llussà**

Title: *“The death drive and the super-ego”*

12:15 – 12:45 pm: **Amandine Jayet**

Title: *The War of the Rose*

12:45-13:15: **Emer Rutledge**

Title: *The Opponent Within and Without*

Lunch 1:15- 2:15 pm



Session 3 Chair: Malachi McCoy

14:15-14:45 **Helen Sheehan**

Title: *Hatred – An Endless Career?*

14:45–15:15 **Marianne Amiel-Dal’Bo**

Title: *War and Peace*

15:15 - 15:45 **Samuel Odet**

Title: *Why war? The cowardice of the
unconscious*

Open Discussion 15:45 – 16:30 Stephanie Metcalfe

Thanks & Closing Remarks: Glenn Brady