

LACANIAN COMPASS HOUSTON POINT  
**LINKING SEMINAR**

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IN PSYCHOANALYSIS

**GUEST SPEAKER**

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10:30am to 4pm

THE JUNG CENTER  
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### FUNNY NOT FUNNY IN PSYCHOANALYSIS

Psychoanalysis is serious stuff. Yet it was the repeated encounter with the structure of the joke present in dreams that allowed Sigmund Freud to discover the linguistic basis of the unconscious.

In 1974, Jacques Lacan speaking with an Italian reporter said, "Funny things happen. This is perhaps the pathway by which one can hope for a future for psychoanalysis — psychoanalysis would have to devote itself sufficiently to funny things."

The 2024 Houston Linking Seminar of Lacanian Compass will indeed devote itself to funny things to ensure the future of the analytic discourse one formation of the unconscious at a time. Because when it comes to the unconscious, which is no laughing matter, the joke is on you.

### program

#### **PART I: SEMINAR ON FUNNY THINGS**

**(The Jung Center: 5200 Montrose Blvd, Houston, TX 77006)**

10:30am: Arrival and registration

10:45am: Opening

11am: Lecture by Cyrus Saint Amand Poliakoff (WAP, NLS, LC)

12pm: Coffee Break

12:20pm: Clinical case presentation followed by case discussion

**2pm to 2:30pm: Transition time**

#### **PART II: QUESTIONS OF THE SCHOOL**

**(Echoes Cafe: 900 Richmond Ave. Ste A, Houston, TX 77006)**

2:30 to 4pm – Lunch and conversation on Questions of the School

### registration

Use QR code or <https://forms.gle/6CaiwXhHstZG5fAa6>

\$75 (Full day, lunch included)

\$65 (Half-day, 10am-2pm)

\$60 Student

In person. Exceptions may be applied for LC, NLS, WAP members.



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