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Hans Kilian Workshop

with Prof. Dr. Stephanie Swales (University of Dallas)
and Dr. Leon S. Brenner (IPU Berlin)

Empathy and harm: The subject and the social bond

Using key concepts from psychoanalyst Jacques Lacan, such as jouissance and his imaginary, symbolic, and real orders of experience, this talk will speak to the ways in which empathy has the potential to harm. From efforts to combat xenophobia in schools, police forces, and corporations to ethical research practices in the social sciences, empathy is often seen to play a key role in the potential success of those endeavors. This workshop will provide a rudimentary introduction to Lacanian psychoanalytic theory along with the ways it can be usefully deployed to shed light on the concept of empathy - including its various forms and the motivations behind them.

No prior knowledge of Lacanian psychoanalysis is needed to participate.

Participants are encouraged to discuss the role of empathy in their own work and research in the discussion section of the workshop.

Monday, June 12, 2023

Hybrid: UFO 0/04 and ZOOM

1.15 p.m. - 6 p.m. (CET)

Free registration:

via e-mail to kkc@rub.de

Please indicate whether you would like to attend in person or online.

