

SYMPOSIUM:

21ST CENTURY FREUD

HOSTED BY DR. KEVIN RESIDE (KKC-IPU POSTDOC FELLOW)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2026

12:00 PM–4:30 PM

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In 21st Century Freud, scholars from across the humanities and social sciences assess the direction they see Freudian theory moving in within their respective fields and strategize about how the discourse must be modified if it is to prove a useful instrument in the years to come.

The first panel, 'Psychoanalysis between Literature and Science', will focus on the epistemological status of analysis. Kevin Reside will defend the concept of the unconscious as a useful theoretical tool through the mobilization of American pragmatism, and the British moral philosopher Anna Hartigan will draw out the ethical implications of psychoanalysis as either a scientific discourse or a literary one.

The second panel, 'Freud and the Political', will see the political theorist Yannis Stavrakakis discuss the relevance of Freudian group psychology to leftist populism, and the Spanish politician and theorist Clara Serra will demonstrate how the Freudian unconscious complicates and deepens current debates on sexual consent.

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PANEL 1:

PSYCHOANALYSIS BETWEEN LITERATURE AND SCIENCE

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Kevin Reside (IPU-KKC Research Fellow)

“In Defense of Metapsychology”

Anna Hartigan (University of Essex)

“Two Futures for Psychoanalysis”

Discussion

PANEL 2:

FREUD AND THE POLITICAL

2:30 PM–4:30PM

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Yannis Stavrakakis (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)

“Freud and Contemporary Psychoanalytic Political Theory: Psychoanalysis and Populism in Laclau and Beyond”

Clara Serra (Center for Theoretical Research, Gender, Sexuality of the University of Barcelona)

“Desire and Contract: The Disappearance of the Unconscious in Current Discourses on Sexual Consent”

Discussion