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Argument:

What are the challenges for psychoanalysis in the Americas in the XXI century? To debate this question, we propose to start with the binary segregation and singularity for the occasion of our V Interamerican Symposium of the International of the Forums of the Lacanian Field and its School, to be celebrated in San Juan, Puerto Rico from the 23rd to the 25th of June 2023. Currently our society experiences the exacerbation of the capitalist discourse effects which provoke the segregation of social classes evermore. The capitalist discourse, whilst keeping science hostage, produces more and more misery and waste, increasing the consumption

jouissance, the non-compliance, and the destruction of the environment, which has rendered the world unbreathable. Is psychoanalysis in a position of being the “world’s lung” as Lacan pointed out?

On the one hand “all proletarians”, the hegemonic neoliberal ideology with its imperative “be your own boss and the hell with the others” promotes a push towards individualism and towards the rejection of collective projects and common wellbeing. In the midst of this, we see the expansion of the religious movements commanded by the Capital and the emergence, from North to South in the Americas, of leaders with clearly fascist ideas that lead the big masses to shamelessly express and disseminate racism, homophobia, misogyny, capacitism, aporophobia and even the “racial” supremacy. The result is an ever more segregating and violent society, which has come in some places to the expression of a terrorist state. On the other hand, the so called “identitarian movements” have gained force as an answer to this contemporary discontent. Is this about sets of singularities to face the massification of the predominant “petit bourgeois ideology” (cf. Lacan in the Proposition) or would this give yet more consistence to the particularities, accentuating segregation? Here the importance of examining the differences from the point of view of psychoanalysis between the singular, the individual, the particular, the universal, the not-all, as well as fraternity and solidarity. And also, the segregation, the exclusion and discrimination. In fact, in 1967, Lacan had already pointed out the explosion of practices of segregation. Thus, in the Proposition of October 9th, he announced that “the progress of universal civilization will be translated not only by a certain discontent, as Freud had already foreseen, but also by a practice that, you will see, will be more and more generalized, and will not let its true face be seen immediately, but that has a name, transformed or not, it will always say the same and will happen, segregation”.

Psychoanalysis, as symptom of this situation, in its praxis of singularity associated to the social bond, is it ready to respond to the exigencies of civilization? The recent pandemic that hit the planet was met with a decisive response from the analysts, who were dedicated to maintaining the psychoanalytic treatments, promoting even a great increase in the demand for analysis.

Psychoanalysis not only survived, but it also demonstrated its efficacy using the online technology, bringing new air to the generalized asphyxia of many that benefitted from it.

In the Moebian articulation of the clinic with the very own polis of psychoanalysis, it corresponds to the analysts of the Americas to study the pair segregation and singularity to approach the naturalized themes of the dominant ideology, such as the colonialist and racist matter that disdains the jouissance of the Other when calling it underdeveloped, the patriarchy that ignores the not-all phallic side of the repartition of sexes, the mass psychology and the formation of identities before a collective work formed by singularities, the generational transmission of the UNCS as discourse of the Other perpetuator of prejudgments, and the clinical effects on the experience of the analyzed and the praxis of the psychoanalysts. The agenda is big and our task as psychoanalysts demands us to be up to date with the urgencies of our time to respond better to the suffering of the subject in our current times.

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