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Thematic Axes

1) « The ethic is relative to the discourse »

This first axis echoes Lacan’s phrase in *Télévision*[1] where he says « the ethic is relative to the discourse ». The ethics of psychoanalysis, if it is an “ethic of the Well-Spoken ” as he asserts, is necessarily an ethics of singularity. The question is therefore also one that asks what would be the ethics of the discourse of “the other side of psychoanalysis”, which regulates groups, crowds, masses, depending on the term one chooses. And if the ethics of psychoanalysis cannot be transposed onto other discourses, what can one say, starting from psychoanalysis, about the relations of the group to the individual?

2) « The aim of the psychoanalytic act »

What is the aim of the analytic act, wherein the logical paradox shows that it is not a question of the subject but rather of the *objet (a)* ? An act which implies an ethics based on logic and its paradoxes. In each case, the act is supported by the desire of the analyst. Hence, the aim of the analytic act, is it not to ensure a “there is psychoanalysis” and we will have to say how, even possibly before verifying it in the dispositif of the pass.

3) « The ethics of benevolent neutrality »

This axis takes up again the Freudian proposition of the analyst's « abstinence » or « neutrality », present in various of his texts. Neutrality is not « indifference », but we know that the position implied in the listening, the analyst's deciphering and interpretation, is not at all a prejudiced one, whether moral or otherwise. The choice of the term « benevolent neutrality », even though the word “benevolent” is not Freud's [2], alludes rather to « a discipline of judgement in its relation to the material, to the saids brought by the analysand ».[3]

[1] Lacan, J. (1974) *Télévision. Autres écrits*. Paris: Seuil, 2001, p.541.

[2] It was Edmund Bergler who introduced this expression in 1936, at the time of the Congress held at Marienbad. Cfr. Bergler, B. (1937) “On the theory of therapeutic results in psychoanalysis, in *Select papers of Edmund Bergler, M. D.* (1933-1961).

[2] SOLER, C. *La politique de l'acte: Cours au Collège Clinique de Paris* (1999-2000), 1ère édition adaptée – Colegio Clínico del Río de la Plata, 2024, p.13.