

Symposium on translation and psychoanalysis

The Place of the Other



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"If [unconscious motives] are hysterical, they certainly have nothing to do with the subject matter, but merely latch onto a catchword."

S. Freud, letter to Fliess, January 4, 1898

Since its beginnings psychoanalysis has been linked to translation. A translation often claims to mediate between (different) languages, yet from a psychoanalytic perspective, the translation does not occur between one language and another, but from a text that consists of signifiers into a language which to the subject is an Other.

Starting point for this symposium are the questions which – from a theoretical and practical perspective – result from this intertwining of discourses: in which ways is it possible to position the translation in the space of the Other? Which political consequences result therefrom? How is it possible to still translate knowing that language is a means of jouissance – its signifiers therefore resonating in a unique way in each subject –, which makes a translation of the jouissance of the Other impossible? And what might be an adequate position vis-à-vis this intranslatability?

Registration: until February 15 at freud-lacan-berlin.de

Costs: 30 euros, 15 euros for students and unemployed

The participation is possible with or without individual contribution (approx. 10 minutes). In order to enable the translation of presentations, all participants are requested to submit a digital version of their presentation one week prior to the event.