

Stuck in a Revolving Door: Understanding Lacan's Four Discourses and their Limitations

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Free registration: via e-mail to kkc@rub.de
Please indicate whether you would like to
attend in person or online.

Workshop

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Between his 16th and 19th seminars, Lacan introduced and played with the notion of what has come to be known as the four discourses. This quasi-algebraic schema can be understood as a mechanism to describe the structures and functioning of social discourses and, as such, constitutes one of the more socially or even politically focused aspects of Lacan's theory. This workshop will introduce the idea of the four discourses and explore the insights they afford and their potential for helping us understand or interrogate both social structures and discursive materials.

