

McGILL UNIVERSITY

Department of Philosophy

**590A Seminar: Special Topics in Philosophy
Psychoanalysis: A Critical Examination**

(3 credits. Prerequisite: one course in philosophy)

Instructor: Professor K. Arvanitakis

The particular direction that the seminar will take will depend on the composition and interests of the class. Areas examined could include: psychoanalytic epistemology, psychoanalysis and the pre-socratics, psychoanalysis and tragedy, psychoanalytic aesthetics, psychoanalytic ethics, causes versus reasons in psychoanalysis, psychoanalytic hermeneutics, self-deception, irrationality, paradox, creativity, the internal object world and its relation to external objects.

Method of assessment: Class participation: 30%
Term paper: 70%

The paper may be submitted in English or in French.

Required reading: Budd, S. and Rusbridger, R. eds. (2005). *Introducing Psychoanalysis*. Routledge.

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Office hours: Fridays 11:30 – 12:30