

**Speaking of Lacan Psychoanalytic Group and
The University of Toronto Art Centre
PRESENTATION**

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Title: On a Question of the Feminine: Psychoanalysis and Creativity

This presentation will consider several questions pertaining to the feminine and its relation to both psychoanalysis and creativity. Both psychoanalysis and the creative act involve a certain relationship with knowledge. If we consider knowledge to be characterized by an artificial and structural organization constructed by culture, we can pose the following questions: Does there exist a knowledge (*savoir*) that exceeds these limitations? Is it possible to consider a 'beyond' that borders on the side of creation and the creative act that is characterized by a certain encounter with the unknown? And would this process be related to a certain feminine *jouissance*? We will use examples from both art, in particular the Baroque, and psychoanalysis to explore these and related questions.

Presenter: Dr. Denise Maurano (Brazil)

Denise Maurano is a practicing psychoanalyst and associate professor in the post-graduate programs of Social Memory and of the Centre for Judicial and Political Science at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UNIRIO). She is a member of *Corpo Freudiano*. Denise is the author of several articles and books published in French and Portuguese. She is the creator and director of several videos on Psychoanalysis and the Baroque, including *Torsions de jouissance: une immersion dans le baroque* (2001), *Dedoublements de Venus: un voyage vers le continent noir* (2005), and *Matriarcat de Pindorama: la presence du feminin dans la culture bresilienne* (2007). Denise also directs a psychoanalytic website where she edits an electronic periodical *Psicanalyse e Barrocoem Revista*.

Date: Monday, November 9, 2009
Time: 7:00 - 9:30 p.m.
Place: University of Toronto Art Centre
The north wing of University College
15 King's College Circle
(may access by entrance off Hoskin Ave.)
Room: Art lounge, main floor
Fee: \$40.00 (students, U of T faculty, and artists: \$10.00)
University of Toronto students: free

Registration Form

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