



International Workshop „The Making of Sexuality“ Freud and the Sexual

Presentation by Teresa de Lauretis (USA), followed by a Conversation with Frauke Berndt (University of Zurich)

Friday, June 16, 2017, 17:00–19:00
University of Zurich, RAA G 15
Rämistrasse 59, 8001 Zurich

To introduce the discussion of her book *Freud's Drive: Psychoanalysis, Literature and Film* (2008), Teresa de Lauretis will give a brief account of the relevance of Freudian metapsychology to her research over the years in areas such as semiotic and textual analysis, gender and postcolonial studies, feminist, lesbian and queer theory. She will then present Jean Laplanche's term "*le sexual*", derived from Freud's conception of infantile sexuality, as preliminary to Laplanche's own theory of the co-presence, in adults, of a *sexualité pulsionnelle* and a *sexualité instinctuelle* that may act both together and in conflict.

Teresa de Lauretis is Distinguished Professor Emerita of the History of Consciousness at the University of California, Santa Cruz. She has written on cinema, semiotics, psychoanalysis, literature and feminist theory. Her books include *Alice Doesn't* (1984), *Feminist Studies/Critical Studies* (Ed. 1986, 1988), *Technologies of Gender* (1987), *The Practice of Love* (1994), *Soggetti eccentrici* (1999), *Figures of Resistance* (2007), and *Freud's Drive* (2008, 2010). Since her retirement, she has been lecturing and conducting seminars in Europe and Latin America. In 2017 she is Visiting Professor at the JFK Institute of the Freie Universität Berlin. She is currently working toward a theory of reading and spectatorship based on figurality and the psychoanalytic concepts of transference, seduction, and translation.

Public Event – No registration required.