

## Being on television : behind the screen.

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“ I always speak the truth.” Jacques Lacan. From Television. (His opening line just to start the debate).

In 1973 Jacques Lacan responded to an invitation to appear on French television, a broadcast of some ninety minutes aired over two successive Saturday evenings. He read, not lacking a degree of his usual stylish dramatisation, a prepared text in response to a series of questions. This writing has subsequently been published and constitutes an incredibly condensed, intriguing and demanding traversal of many of his key teachings up until that point of time: including the relationship of truth to speech, the unconscious and the structure of language, the body and the “soul”, concepts of “therapeutics”, transference, love and the sexual relation. This seminar will address the seven chapters of this text over six sessions, in a first circuit, and will encourage, indeed require that participants formulate and engage with their own pressing interrogation of the challenges and controversies that Lacan’s psychoanalytic work continues to evoke. Questions and comments welcomed between sessions via email. Answers may be less accommodating!

Third Saturday of the month. Six Seminars March to August 2024, 11.00am to 12.30 pm.  
Commencing March 16 2024, meeting via Zoom.  
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Essential reading.

Jacques Lacan.  
“Television. A Challenge to the Psychoanalytic Establishment.” Pages; 3-46.  
Norton and Company. New York.London. 1990

YouTube videos available with English translation of the original broadcast.  
Notably the published text is not an exact replica of what was aired so both are worth a “viewing” and a viewpoint.

Cost. \$300. Students \$150. Other appropriate concessions available.

Zoom Invite sent before meeting to participants’ provided email.

