

## Psychoanalysis: Intersections between Clinical Practice and Politics

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The theme of this section of the Journal is the interface between clinic and politics, which has been discussed within two major fields: In political theory, as to how psychoanalysis can contribute to critical social theories; and in clinical practice, as to how the space of the clinic can be political and transforming. As an intersectional field, it benefits both from the contributions of sociology and politics, and from psychoanalytic concepts, fundamentals, ethics, and methods, referring especially to Sigmund Freud and Jacques Lacan.

Psychoanalysis, Clinic, and Politics are terms that bring to the fore and make explicit, among other themes, the connection between the subjective constitution of the subject and desire and *jouissance*, as well as the aspect of social ties, including here political and ideological context. This field aims to debate how politics is entangled in the process of constitution and destitution of the subject. It includes a debate [1] on how the psychoanalytic clinic is connected to politics, reflecting on its practice and the elements that can promote resistance to mechanisms of social control, criminalization, and individual and collective pathologization. Within this theme, unconventional interventions and the political and subjective dimension are discussed in order to think about the social bond. A focus is placed on the type of intervention and clinic arising within contexts of violence and exclusion, which we understand as clinical-political practice.

This section privileges the following themes: Cross-studies between psychoanalysis and social and political processes of exclusion and violence, as well as modalities of clinical-political interventions [2] in these contexts; politics and the subject in psychoanalysis through the analysis and critique of totalitarianism, forms of violence and exclusion in the contemporary world, besides creative ways out indicated via utopia and democracy; and the issues of migration, foreigners, exile, minorities, racism, and segregation. It also addresses questions relating to new family configurations, the place of children and adolescents, the body and politics, and gender [3] and sexuality.

By and large, the section favors research on and in contexts of social, political, and/or institutional crisis. It also includes: A discussion of psychoanalytical theories in critical studies; the clinic connected with politics and its impasses; the theoretical and practical interface between psychoanalysis and other fields, such as the feminist and queer, Marxist, Foucaultian, and post-colonial; as well as connections and tensions between research, intervention, and ethical issues of psychoanalysis.

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