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**Colette Soler**

presenting her recently translated book

## **Towards Identity in the Psychoanalytic Encounter**

**Saturday 5 October 5 – 7 pm (GMT)  
Birkbeck, University of London**

Hybrid event (tickets for online participation will be available shortly).  
Cash-only book sale will be available on site

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*Towards Identity in the Psychoanalytic Encounter* addresses the theme of identification and identity in the psychoanalytic clinic as elaborated by Jacques Lacan over the course of his teaching.

In psychoanalysis, the subject who is summoned “to speak himself”, is by definition lacking in identity. His question is “What am I?” but, as he is only represented by his words, his being is “always elsewhere”, within other words that are yet to come. Thus, a paradox: one seeks via speech the identity of a being who, through his speech, is not identifiable. Yet the fact remains, he has a body, and he is riveted to sufferings that psychoanalysis, from Freud to Lacan, identified, which are not accidental, which we call repetition and symptom, and which shift the question of identity because a One, real, is at play in them.

*Towards Identity in the Psychoanalytic Encounter* will be key reading for the study and research of Lacanian psychoanalysis and all practitioners interested in Lacan’s teaching, as well as other discourses such as philosophy, art, literature, and history.

**Colette Soler** practices and teaches psychoanalysis in Paris. She holds an agrégation in philosophy and a doctorate in psychology. It was her encounter with the teaching and person of Jacques Lacan that led her to choose psychoanalysis. She was a member of the École Freudienne de Paris and, following its dissolution, became the Director of the École de la Cause Freudienne, after which she was at the forefront of the movement of the International of the Forums and its School of Psychoanalysis. She is a member of the forum of London since 2021.