



***Nachtraglichkeit/Afterwardness***  
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From Laplanche, J. and Pontalis, J.-B. *The Language of Psychoanalysis*,  
1988 “Deferred Action” p. 112.

- a) It is not lived experience in general that undergoes a deferred revision but, specifically, whatever it has been impossible in the first instance to incorporate fully into a meaningful context. The traumatic event is the epitome of such unassimilated experience.
- b) Deferred revision is occasioned by events and situations, or by an organic maturation, which allow the subject to gain access to a new level of meaning and to rework his earlier experiences.
- c) Human sexuality, with the peculiar unevenness of its temporal development, provides an eminently suitable field for the phenomena of deferred action.

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**December 3**

Walters, W. “Lonely in America” in Ward, J. *The Fire This Time* (2016). Scribners, NY, NY. 33-58. [Download from the [Reading folder](#) or request from [library@bpsi.org](mailto:library@bpsi.org)].

Caruth, C. “Introduction” *Trauma: Explorations in Memory* (1995). Johns Hopkins University Press, Baltimore, 3-12. [Download from the [Reading folder](#) or request from [library@bpsi.org](mailto:library@bpsi.org)].

**December 10**

Bistoën, G. et al, “Nachtraglichkeit: “A Freudian perspective on delayed traumatic reactions”. *Theory and Psychology* (2014) Vol. 24(5), 668-687. [Download from the [Reading folder](#) or request from [library@bpsi.org](mailto:library@bpsi.org)].

Optional:

Winter in the Abruzzi” in Ginzburg, N. (1962) *The Little Virtues* Arcade Publishing

**December 17**

House, J. (2017) “The Ongoing Rediscovery Of Après-Coup As A Central Freudian Concept”. *J. Amer. Psychoanal. Assn.* 65/5, 773-798. [Download from the [Reading folder](#) or request from [library@bpsi.org](mailto:library@bpsi.org)].

Optional:

Fletcher, J. "Seduction and the Vicissitudes of Translation: the Work of Jean Laplanche". (2007) *Psychoanal. Q.* 76 (4), 1241-1291. [PEP Web Link](#).

**NOTE: Jonathan House, author of the first of these readings,  
will join the seminar on this date**

**January 7**

Winnicott, D. W "Fear of Breakdown" *Int. R Psycho-Anal.* (1974) 1: 103-107. [PEP Web Link](#).

Optional:

Faimberg, H. "A Plea For a Broader Concept of Nachtraglichkeit." *Psychoanal. Q* (2007). 76(4): 1221-1240. [PEP Web Link](#).

**January 14**

Bleichmar, A. "The Function of Memorials in the Aftermath of Political Trauma, A Personal Account" (2015) paper presented at the IPA Congress in Boston, July 2015. [Download from the [Reading folder](#) or request from [library@bpsl.org](mailto:library@bpsl.org)].

Optional:

Laub, D. "Bearing Witness or the Vicissitudes of Listening" in Felman, S. and Laub, D. *Testimony: Crises of Witnessing in Literature, Psychoanalysis and History.* (1992) Routledge NY, NY. [Download from the [Reading folder](#) or request from [library@bpsl.org](mailto:library@bpsl.org)].

**NOTE: Andrea Bleichmar, author of the first of these readings,  
will join the seminar on this date**

**January 28**

Goldin, D. "Nachtraglichkeit Revisited" (2016) *Psychoan. Inquiry* 36 (5) 408-419. [PEP Web Link](#).

Optional:

Watch the movie "45 Years" on [Amazon Prime](#).

**February 4**

Fohn, A. H-W, "The Destiny of an Unrecognized Trauma: The Deferred Retroactive Effect of Après-Coup in the Hidden Jewish Children Of Wartime Belgium." (2011) *Int. J. Psychoanal.* 92 (1) 5-20. [PEP Web Link](#).

Optional:

Sebald, W.G. "Paul Breyer" in *The Emigrants* (1996) Harvill Press, London. [Download from the [Reading folder](#) or request from [library@bpsl.org](mailto:library@bpsl.org)].

## **February 18**

Loewald, H. "The Experience of Time" in *Papers On Psychoanalysis* (1980) Yale University, 138-147. [Download from the [Reading folder](#) or request from [library@bpsl.org](mailto:library@bpsl.org)].

### Optional:

"Reminiscence" in Sacks, O. (1985) *The Man Who Mistook His Wife For a Hat* Summit Books. [Download from the [Reading folder](#) or request from [library@bpsl.org](mailto:library@bpsl.org)].

Terr, L. "Time and Trauma" *Psychoanal. St. Child* (1984), 39: 633-665 [in particular, from 643 "Simultaneity and Succession"]. [PEP Web Link](#).