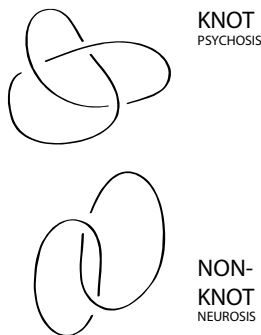


## Neurosis and Psychosis: Nonknots and Knots

### The Painting and Topology of Repression

What is the difference between Neurosis and Psychosis? Freud first makes the difference between *primary repression* (Uverdrängung) and *foreclosure* (Verwufung), while Lacan called this a *hole in the real* and a *hole in the symbolic*. What is not often distinguished is that it is only the former that is called 'Traumatic'. The Fall 2012 Course aims to clarify this difference in showing how the first establishes the basis for a clinic of *neurosis* and the second the basis of *psychosis*. We will introduce this difference by first reading Freud's *Gradiva* and his commentary on F.Rop's *Temptation of St. Antoine* as being a 'painting of repression'. We then pass to Lacan's *topology of repression* in showing how he constructs the difference between the *neurotic structure of Joyce* as compared with *psychotic structure of Schreber* in the respective theory of *non-knots* and *knots*.



This introduction takes the position that without a minimal material introduction it is always possible to say anything when attempting to work with the vocabulary of psychoanalysis: repression, castration, id, super-ego, id, ego, psychosis, neurosis, etc. Our aim is to construct the theory and practice of analysis beyond a hermeneutics of interpretation.

**Materials:** Colored Pens and Paper

**Reading:** (1) Freud's *Gradiva* 1907; (2) *Neurosis-Psychosis* (1924/Eng); *The Schreber Case* (1911); Readings of Lacan are assigned during the semester.

**Date and Time:** Starts Sept. 29th. The last Saturday of every month at 10:00am inclusive of Dec. Restarts in Jan. 2013.

*Sincerely, R.T. Groome*