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From the discourse of the Other to the other discourse

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*“ I expect nothing from people but something from functioning.”
Jacques Lacan, “Dissolution” Seminar of 15 January 1980*

- 1/ What is an institution? A social formation founded by a master signifier, which more or less knots the four discourses that make the social link. This already means that the master’s discourse has a part in it and therefore so does its corollary structure, the one that comes to normalize it and thus reinforce it, the discourse of the hysteric. The modern master has appealed to the university discourse to pacify this discord and drown out the complaint of the subject who can do nothing else. At the risk of the glue linked to the universalizing slope of this discourse and of the foreclosure of the subject. The analytic discourse, the one that puts the object cause of desire in the place of agent, can bring forth the One, ensuring what Lacan called the round and round of discourses.
- 2/ Reflecting on the sentence to which I gave the force of an epigraph. On the one hand, we note that Lacan concluded that his School (Ecole) had failed to produce a glue (colle), hence the necessity of releasing it (D’Ecolage); and on the other hand, that it was a question of treating an institutional problem, by prioritizing matters of functioning, in order to ward off inter-personal effects. But not just any kind of functioning.
- 3/ Indeed, the School is not or in any case cannot be an institution like other institutions. What had sealed the failure of the EFP, its glue, was the failure of the pass, that is to say, the failure to put the analytic Discourse in a position to de-complete the other discourses, to impede the ron-ron of the master’s discourse, the brio of the university discourse, the unchaining of the discourse of the hysteric. If the analytic discourse is indeed the particular social link that prevails in the analytic treatment, then the device of the pass is “the royal road” to make it exist in an institution and the failure of that is truly an indication for the remodeling of the School at the level of a lambda institution. Lacan’s obstinacy in introducing the pass at any cost, in provoking institutional crises around this question, is explained by his desire to not repeat Freud’s failure.
- 4/ In the same way that analytic treatment must go beyond resolution of identifications to the signifiers and insignia of the Other, to end with the object(a), veritable structural knot, so the School cannot sustain the Discourse of the analyst except in a beyond of the three other

discourses, in a beyond of the three forms of the Other's demand that they incarnate. Beyond means first that they are a passage, second that one cannot do (se passer) without this passage, and third that the tension introduced by the device of the pass is what allows this passing beyond (dépassement).

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