Record Nr. UNINA9910783843803321 Autore Elliott Anthony **Titolo**

Social theory since Freud: traversing social imaginaries / / Anthony

Elliott

London;; New York:,: Routledge,, 2004 Pubbl/distr/stampa

ISBN 1-134-48667-7 1-134-48668-5 1-280-17503-6

0-203-49606-X

Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (194 p.)

Disciplina 150.19/5

Soggetti Social sciences and psychoanalysis - History

Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese

Formato Materiale a stampa

Livello bibliografico Monografia

Note generali Description based upon print version of record.

Includes bibliographical references (p. [170]-178) and index. Nota di bibliografia

Nota di contenuto Front Cover: Social Theory Since Freud: Copyright Page: Contents:

Preface and acknowledgements: Introduction: imagination in the service of the new; Theories of imagination; The argument of this book; Pretext: you'll never dream the same dream twice; 1 Social theory since Freud: traversing social imaginaries: Freud and the interpretation of the social; The legacy of Freud; Psychopathologies of rationality: the Frankfurt School; Returning to Freud: Jacques Lacan; Lacanian and

post-Lacanian contexts; Feminist psychoanalytic criticism;

Psychoanalysis and postmodern theory

Pretext: perplexing messages of the social2 Situating psychoanalysis in the social field; Trauma talk and recovered memory: toward a critique of antipsychological psychology; Opening and closing Freud: modern constructions, postmodern revisions; Pretext: subjectivity, signification and writing: Kristeva and theBarthes system; 3 The psychic constitution

of the subject: imagination, identification, primary repression;

Rethinking representation: fantasy, creation, imagination; Freud and his

followers: on the concepts of repression and identification

Primary repression and the loss of the thing: Kristeva's exploration of the imaginary fatherEnigmatic messages: Laplanche; Primary repression rethought: rolling identifications and representational wrappings of self and other; The significance of primary repression, and the politicization

of identification; Pretext: on the adventures of difference; 4 Sexuality, complexity, anxiety: the encounter betweenpsychoanalysis, feminism and postmodernism; Feminism, post-structuralism and postmodernism; Sexual difference, or more of the same?; From ambivalence to inflexibility: the fear of difference ConclusionPretext: ethics, psychoanalysis and postmodernity; 5 Psychoanalysis at its limits: navigating the postmodern turn(with CHARLES SPEZZANO); Modernism and postmodernism: the alleged dichotomy; Three faces of postmodernism; Postmodern psychoanalysis: two recent views; The critique of 'inescapable fragmentation'; Criticisms of the postmodern collapse of signification; Postmodernity and psychoanalytic heterogeneity; Beyond hermeneutics and constructivism; 6 Social theory, psychoanalysis and the politics of postmodernity: Anthony Elliott talks with Sean Homer; Notes; References; Index

Sommario/riassunto

In this compelling book, Anthony Elliott traces the rise of psychoanalysis from the Frankfurt School to postmodernism. Examining how pathbreaking theorists such as Adorno, Marcuse, Lacan and Lyotard have deployed psychoanalysis to politicise issues such as desire, sexuality, repression and identity, Elliott assesses the gains and losses arising from this appropriation of psychoanalysis in social theory and cultural studies. Moving from the impact of the Culture Wars and recent Freud-bashing to contemporary debates in social theory, feminism and postmodernism, Elliott argues for a new