Record Nr. UNINA9910806934803321 Autore Dunker Christian Ingo Lenz Titolo The constitution of the psychoanalytic clinic: a history of its structure and power / / Christian Dunker London, : Karnac Books, 2011 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 0-429-92035-0 0-429-48135-7 1-283-07103-7 9786613071033 1-84940-736-3 Edizione [First edition.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (613 p.) Lines of the symbolic series Collana Disciplina 150.195 Soggetti Psychoanalysis - History Psychiatry - History Psychiatric clinics - History Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references (p. 373-391) and index. Nota di contenuto Cover; Copyright; Contents; Preface; Acknowledgements; Note on References; Introduction; Chapter One: The doubt of Ulysses; Chapter Two: The return of Empedocles; Chapter Three: The act of Antigone; Chapter Four: Rhetoric of space, rhetoric of time: paradox and interpretation; Chapter Five: Taking care of oneself; Chapter Six: Montaigne, the most sceptical of the hysterics; Chapter Seven: The meditation of Descartes; Chapter Eight: The structure of psychoanalytic treatment; Chapter Nine: Kant and the pathological; Chapter Ten: The rebirth of the clinic as structure and as experience Chapter Eleven: Hegel: the real and its negativeChapter Twelve: Logic and politics in psychoanalytic healing; Conclusion; References Sommario/riassunto This book provides a detailed examination of the historical roots of psychoanalysis from ancient Greece to the late nineteenth century, focusing on social practices that were related to the founders of psychoanalytic theory and maintained within contemporary treatment.

> Alongside the reconstruction of an evolutionary accumulation of healing practices, the book includes linked discussions of current

issues pertaining to psychoanalytic treatment and its working structure as elaborated by Freud and Lacan. There are vital political consequences for psychoanalytic practice - here articulated with an acknowledgement of these practical derivations of early prepsychoanalytic treatments of the soul. The book demonstrates that these are neither mere techniques nor concepts of the world and the human subject, but they concern the way the problem of power is articulated. The historical establishment of psychoanalytical practice becomes legible through analysis of the traces of the elements of a political ontology, an account of the roots of those traces and the elaboration of the conceptual structure of psychoanalysis as theory and treatment, a praxis which maintains its own distinctive identity.