



# Freud and the Baroness Moser: a reading of the compulsion to repeat

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Dr Jane Connell is a psychiatrist in private practice. She has recently completed a PhD in critical theory. Her work reads influential figures of the imaginary—such as Hegel's fable of the master and the slave, Marx's metaphor of pregnancy and Freud's version of the myth of Oedipus and the Sphinx—against central theoretical tenets and arguments of the texts in which they occur. It demonstrates that such figures are the site of resistance and thus, if reworked, possibility *à propos* the promise of liberatory social change carried by such texts.

Please see attached document for further background information.



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