Although sibling relations have been observed by psychoanalysts, there is no paradigm that can account for them. The lecture argues that we need to re-read Freud's notions of a life and of a death-drive through these lateral relations. The human psyche is always social and the neonate's society includes siblings and peers as well as parents. Freud saw siblings as an extension from the parental Oedipus complex; the lecture argues that we need to see their autonomy.

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