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Lecture:  
“Three Ways of Speaking: Deleuze’s Way or Death and Flight”  

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In this essay, I examine the “Postulates of Linguistics” chapter of A Thousand Plateaus. In regard to this chapter, I aim to demonstrate something that has remained unrecognized about minor language in Deleuze and Guattari. I aim to show not only the characteristics of Deleuzian speaking in tongues (glossolalia) that overlap with Foucaultian speaking freely (parrēsia) and with Derridean speaking distantly (teleiopoesis), but also and more importantly, I hope to show how it is possible for us to make a language speak in tongues. Derrida’s way of speaking is made only by forming an enunciation that states a self-contradiction, which thereby makes the enunciation imply more than it says. Foucault’s way of speaking is made only by forming an enunciation that states the truth directly and loudly, which thereby makes the enunciation do more than it says. And finally, Deleuze (and Guattari’s) way of speaking is made only by forming an enunciation that states a command abstracted from its context, which thereby makes the enunciation proliferate. All three ways of speaking are made not for the benefit of the speaker, but “in favor of” others. And perhaps this speaking “in favor of” (au profit de) others will allow us to come to understand the true meaning of the phrase “capitalism and schizophrenia.”

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