

PSYCHOANALYSIS
LOS
ANGELES
CALIFORNIA
EXTENSION

Sclinic 2016-17

We will part from the root of psychoanalytic experience posed in its extension, the only possible base to motivate a school.

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Announced on case by case basis.

History

PLACE began in 1998 as a non-profit association 501.3.c. when one of its founders returned from France to set up its framework in Santa Monica, CA. It was founded on a double-movement: to make room for Lacanian analysis that would not be held hostage to a university humanities department nor assimilated to a mental health profession.

Position:

PLACE opens up a *return to Freud* through a critique of contemporary psychoanalysis and a construction in the [topology](#) first advanced by Lacan.

PLACE is the *Uber* of analysis. It used to be in looking for help or to work in analysis you had to use and pay for a complicated system of mental health professionals that imposed a lot of obligations that had little to do with going from point A to B. Today, this is no longer necessary: we provide the platform and assistance, you construct the analysis. In many instances, Skype can be used to overcome the distance and time barriers.

PLACE makes room for a new didactic in analysis.: it is about the production of analysis, not the production of doctors and patients, therapists and clients, the normal and abnormal.

What is the Sclinic?

(School+ Clinic) = Sclinic = Extension

To avoid the prejudices that accompany the creation of any school, we constructed the conditions for the instruction and transmission of analysis in a different way: in *extension*. By combining the functions of both the School and Clinic in the *Sclinic* we subvert the wall between theory and practice. This *extension* of the traditional school is not new: it was first recognized by Kant (1800) as problem of getting beyond the limits of education by determining a transmission of knowledge in a more universal manner. Later, it was brought forward by Ferenczi as the *Second Fundamental Rule of Analysis*, "*the correct didactic analysis is one that does not differ in the least from the curative treatment.*" (1928). The recognition that many of those who enter into analysis as so called 'patients' will have as great or better understanding of the theory and practice than those entering by a purely academic teaching forms the basis of the *Sclinic*. Later, the analyst J. Lacan would establish the procedures to actualize the extensive approach that we have implemented at PLACE. You can find more information on Psychoanalysis in Extension on our website at: <http://www.topoi.net/school-clinic>.

Who May Inscribe?

Anyone. We do not segregate participants by professional or educational degrees.

Four Modes Of Transmission:

The Sclinic is comprised of places – *topoi* – for the taking place of analysis. It is organized in a passage from intension to extension:

EXTENSION

1) Courses & Seminars



2) Work-groups (cartels)

3) Pass



4) Intensive consultation

INTENSION

1) Courses cover both introductory and advanced topics in the field of Lacanian and Freudian psychoanalysis. Courses begin with the discoveries of Freud, then introduce Lacan's achievement of the theory in a topological and clinical presentation. For more detailed descriptions see:

<http://www.lacanlosangelespsychoanalysis.com/>

2) Workgroups – or 'cartels' – are composed of small tutorials that address specific questions that the participants would like to respond to. The questions of each are sent into the cartel committee and used to compose the topics of the workgroups for that semester. Past workgroups have included, but were not limited to: Why is the Oedipus complex a Knot?, What is a logic of the signifier? What is projective geometry and how is it interpreted analytically; A concise work in set theory.

3) Pass – a procedure invented by J. Lacan to clarify a psychoanalytic transmission within a typically analytic framework (see Formalization of the Pass/Clinical Papers of PLACE).

4) intensive Analysis are one to one consultations that are open to anyone who cares to work with a colleague on such and such a problem. The intensive sessions are encouraged as a way to clarify a practice and theory of analysis.

Attending the Sclinic (School-Clinic) of PLACE. You may attend either as an Adherent or Guest. First time participants may want to audit a semester before deciding which.

An **Adherent** is someone who:

1) enrolls for both cartels and courses at PLACE (\$850. Contribution per semester). The adherent may also

attend the General Assembly Meetings twice per year.

A **Guest** is someone who:

2) enrolls either for one cartel or one course per semester (\$450. Contribution per semester).

Candidature for Position of the Analyst (PA)

1- Any one inscribed as an *Adherent* may pose their candidature for the Position of the Analyst of PLACE (PA).

The candidature for the nomination as PA is accepted on the achievement of the PASS. The time limits for the successful achievement of the pass may vary. A typical 'formation' may look like:

- 1) X years of participation in the seminars and cartels of PLACE.
- 2) X presentations in the cartels and/or Seminars of PLACE.
- 3) X years of intensive analysis with an adherent of PLACE.

In the successful achievement of something like 1,2,&3 above, the PASS can be seriously approached. On the achievement of the PASS the participant is registered in the annuary of PLACE as having successfully supported the Position of the Analyst (PA). Those searching to work in analysis at PLACE are referred to the annuary.

Each participant is advised to consult with a colleague (see advisory list) in order to coordinate a didactic at

PLACE with the achievement of the PASS.

Inscription Deadline: The Sclinic has three inscriptions following the habitual scholarly registration of Fall, Winter-Spring, and Summer. It is advised to register early Sept. for the Fall Semester; early January for the Winter-Spring Semester; and late June of the Summer Immersion. An application form and interview are necessary prerequisites. You will find the form on the website at: www.lacanosangelespsychoanalysis.com

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<http://topoi.net/>

The School of PLACE is certified by the State of California and meets its guidelines for instruction. Those interested in receiving transfer credits are advised to contact your institution to verify if the credits are eligible.

Auditors: PLACE accepts a certain amount of auditors per semester. An auditor may attend one half semester for free during which s/he may take any seminar or cartel. At the end of the half-semester, the auditor has the choice to pay the remaining one-half semester tuition (\$225.) or quit the semester. In either case, an auditor can always return to work in any semester.

Scholarships: PLACE gives out scholarships to the homeless and disenfranchised yearly.

Platform:

Though PLACE does not hand out diplomas, licenses, or certifications, it does establish the basis for taking an analysis out into the public. PLACE makes available a *platform* – both on and offline – whose purpose is an effective transmission of the theory and practice of analysis. You, the participant, provide the content and use (economic, clinical, social, etc.) We also make available on-line websites, virtual classroom, and virtual library. The use of our local for instruction and private sessions are available for any P.A**.. Questions may directed to the secretary at: PLACE@topoi.net

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** However, someone who has achieved the Pass may choose to work as a *non-analyst* (N.A.) and have the same availability to PLACE as a PA.

