

PSYCHOANALYSIS LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA EXTENSION

Sclinic 2014-15

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

J.Lacan

*It is, all in all, a historic error to believe
that the master makes the school;
the students make it!*

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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 such that it would neither be held hostage in 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.

Good news: neither PLACE nor those nominated as analysts of PLACE provide any services that claim to be psychological or psychotherapeutic. This is because PLACE is about the production of analysis – not the outdated production of analysts and patients, therapists and clients, the normal and abnormal.

Therefore, there are no courses or services offered that claim to teach or cure 'other' people. Rather PLACE establishes the conditions such that the practice of analysis becomes possible with others – not applied onto others. This unique organization permits a new foundation for a School and Clinic that could not have been covered by the previous academic, therapeutic, and medical models of psychoanalysis.

What is the Sclinic?

(School+ Clinic) = Sclinic = Extension

To avoid the prejudices that accompany the creation of any School or Clinic, 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 displace the wall between theory and practice. As a consequence, our aim is not to produce teachers and students, doctors and patients, therapists and clients, the normal and abnormal, but to produce analysis. Though this *extensive* approach is new to the U.S. it is not in history: it was first recognized by Kant (1800) as a problem of getting beyond the limits of education by determining a transmission of knowledge in a more universal manner. Later, it was put 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). Later, the analyst J. Lacan would establish the procedures to actualize the *extensive* approach that we have implemented at PLACE today.

Who May Inscribe?

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

Four Modes Of Transmission:

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

EXTENSION

- 1) Pass
- 2) Fundamental courses
- 3) Work-groups (cartels)
- 4) Intensive consultation

INTENSION

1) 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).

2) 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 a more detailed descriptions see:

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

3) 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. For more information see the virtual School/Clinic at:

<http://www.lacanlosangelespsychoanalysis.com>

4) Intensive Analysis is a one to one consultation that is open to anyone who works 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.

Candidature

1- Any one inscribed as an *Adherent* may pose their candidature for the position of analyst (AP) or non-analyst (NA) of PLACE.

An **Adherent** is someone who:

1) enrolls at 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).

Who Is Nominated Analyst?

The candidature for the nomination

of analyst of PLACE is accepted on the achievement of:

- 1) X years of Adherence at PLACE;
- 2) at least one presentation at the Pass;
- 3) work with a colleague in an intensive analysis.

In the successful achievement of 1,2,&3 above, adherents are nominated to the roster of analysts and non-analysts of PLACE.

The duration for a work to be achieved at PLACE is not set in advance. It is our conviction that, unlike an academic setting, the temporality of instruction is to be set according to the subject.

The conditions above are not positive criteria for the evaluation of who is and is not an analyst. They are only sufficient conditions for the nomination at PLACE. What is necessary for the effective assumption of the place of the analyst can only be determined in the authorization each analyst gives him/herself in the outcome of this nomination.

Each participant is advised to consult with a colleague (see advisory list) in order to establish a trajectory.

Inscription Deadline: Although there is no formal deadline for applications, it is advisable to apply early because of the relatively small number of places available each year. An application form and interview are necessary prerequisites. You will find the form on the website at:

www.lacanlosangelespsychoanalysis.com

And on the website at:

<http://topoi.net/>

Auditors: PLACE accepts a certain amount of auditors per semester. An auditor may attend a class of any course or cartel.

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

Platform:

Though PLACE does not hand out marketplace diplomas, licenses, or certifications, it does establish a platform to take an analysis out into public. This platform is available both on and offline. It's purpose is to make room for an effective transmission of the theory and practice of analysis. You, the participant, provide the content and use (economic, clinical, social, etc.) The analytic platform is made available to anyone who has posed a candidature and is named analyst or non-analyst of PLACE. We also make available on-line websites, virtual classroom, and hard copy library. The use of our local for instruction and private sessions are also made available.

In 2014 a new mode of extension will be made available to the A.P.'s for the first time: *Towards The General Economy of Contemporary Lacanian Analysis.*

Questions may directed to the secretary at: PLACE@topoi.net

To register early. A first time applicant should fill out the application found on the website at:

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