

Statutes of PLACE in 20 Articles

===== (4th revised draft from 2006 to AUG. 2019)

ARTICLE 1

PLACE was formed under the denomination of *Psychoanalysis Los Angeles California Extension* as a nonprofit 501.c 3 in Los Angeles California in 2006. Its establishment is guaranteed according to the guidelines now in vigor for the state of California It is headquartered in Santa Monica, CA with the contact address of: 1223 Wilshire Blvd, #1514, Santa Monica, CA., 90403. At this time PLACE has no permanent local and is without walls choosing to meet in public meeting spaces and the bureaus of its trustees. The website URL is www.topoi.net with an official email of: PLACE@topoi.net .

ARTICLE 2

The association makes room for a critical *return* to Freud's psychoanalysis in the manner of Jacques Lacan and in a way that undoes psychoanalysis from the field of psychology, psychotherapy, and psychiatry. It has for its aim to de-objectify analysis from this field of the 'psy' by introducing an instruction in logic and mathematics that is not without a reference to reading and writing in the linguistic and poetic sense. It also seeks to provide each participant the place and conditions to affirm their work in a scientific debate. By science, we mean the field covered under Bachelard's doctrine of the 'esprit scientifique' (scientific spirit) and in reference to Lacan's guidelines for a psychoanalytic didactic (*Positions of the Unconscious; Écrits*, 1964).

ARTICLE 3

The association is open to anyone who makes a demand to participate in its procedures. No technical, university, or professional experience is required. Applications are submitted either by regular mail to the address above or to the secretary at the email address: PLACE@topoi.net. Applications are available directly on the association website: www.topoi.net .

ARTICLE 4

Since the association is concerned with the production of analysis, not the production of doctors and patients, therapists and clients, professors and students, its division of labor is organized around the transfer not the rules and agents for a consumerist society. As a consequence, the association adopts the terms first invented by Freud to denote this division of labor – *psychoanalyst* and *psychoanalysand*. The association also introduces a third term first proposed by Lacan – the *non-analyst* – to denote the place of someone who guarantees the function and field of the analytic act. Unlike a professional institute, PLACE is not run merely by professionals – doctors, experts, professors, etc. – but *non-*

analysts : those who are in charge of founding the analytic act as distinct from its professional function. The term *non-analyst* is further explained in the *Local Organization*.

ARTICLE 5

The association provides a detailed explanation of its practice and procedures in the document *Local Organization*. This document is made available to anyone who cares to participate. It may be revised yearly by those working PLACE, but contains a set of procedures that have been fixed since 2010.

ARTICLE 6

There are four functional titles within the association:

1) trustees (+ Director/Administrators), 2) adherent, 3) guest, or 4) auditor.

And two structural titles situating the correspondence between **Analyst** and **Analysand**:

1) Analytically Supportable Presentation (A. S. P.).

2) Analytically Mentionable Presentation (A.M.P.).

The explication of these functional and structural titles is detailed in the text *Local Organization*. The *Non-Analyst* is not a title, but only a place-holder for anyone working as at the adherent or guest level.

ARTICLE 7

The epitaph of adherent or guest is nullified in the case of:

1) non-payment of tuition

2) demission

3) barring by an extraordinary act (requiring the vote of the Trustees).

ARTICLE 8

Dues and fees for the *Generalized Economy* of PLACE are fixed yearly at the General Assembly by the Trustees. The monies received from contributions are used to pay for the local, instructors, materials, and utilities in use for the transmission of school/clinic. The practice of the *Generalized Economy* is developed in the *Local Organization* of PLACE.

ARTICLE 9

To support the construction of a *generalized economy*, the association makes it possible to make all payments for tuition with a crypto-currency. Continuing cartels into crypto-currency are making room for its use in the generalized economy.

ARTICLE 10

The resources of the association are generated by:

- 1) grants
- 2) the publication of manuals
- 3) tuition
- 4) investment in crypto-currency (currently in the construction phase)
- 5) monies for the school-clinic

ARTICLE 11

The association not only gives itself the resources for the establishment of its goals – cartels, seminars, passes, conferences, library, website, and publications – but makes these resources available to anyone who cares to help develop them.

ARTICLE 12

The association has a combined school-clinic, called a *sclinic* that aims to integrate practice and theory in a way that is more in line with the dictates of psychoanalysis than a medical organization: it is not a question of doing research/theory in a school or institute, then apply and verifying one's hypothesis in the clinic. Instead, both the doctor/patient, therapist/client, professor/student are situated on the same side of the wall, then distinguished within the actual dynamic of the *sclinic* itself – not according to the suppositions of past experience, training, or knowledge – but on the basis of the protocols in place within PLACE itself. See the *Local Organization* for a detailed explication of these procedures of the *sclinic* in the cartel, seminar, and the pass.

ARTICLE 13

Anyone who has worked at the adherent level for two years may engage the procedures of the *Pass* (see Procedures of the Pass in the *Local Organization*) or apply to do a *Seminar* (See Seminarist in the *Local Organization*) by contacting the administrators. Anyone engaging the Pass or proposing a Seminar is given the use of the local and resources of the association.

ARTICLE 14

The Association can at anyone time can have up to four Trustees. A trustee is someone who has attended the association for at least two years as an adherent. The

trustees have the determinant vote on any decision with regard to the structure of the association. The association aims for three to four trustees at any one time. The candidature for a trustee is open to anyone participating as an adherent. The post of trustee is terminated either by de-mission, being voted out by other trustees, or failure to work full time as an adherent within the association after one year.

ARTICLE 15

The association encourages people participating at PLACE to work together and to consult a colleague if they judge it will help progress their work.

ARTICLE 16

The association does not at any time support a psychotherapeutic treatment or a psychotherapy between people. The only meetings the association provides access to are an *analysis* and *consultation* in the sense of Lacan (this is defined in the *Local Organization*) Though the premises and economy between the parties are left to their own discernment, a trustee may ask to be reimbursed in the name of PLACE if they are working in the capacity of analyst with someone.

ARTICLE 17

The director of the association is the representative of the association to any external politics or civil interactions. S/he is aided by other trustees, the administrators, and/or secretary if need be.

ARTICLE 18

Administrators and/or a head administrator – secretary – are directly engaged by the association to help perform the various duties of the association: responding to emails, sending group emails, updating the website, etc. This work is either done on a voluntary or work-study position.

ARTICLE 19

A general assembly unites twice per year and is open to adherents and guests. On special occasions it may also be open to auditors and friends of the association. Decisions are made with regard to the functioning and structure of the association in the presence of the trustees and adherents. Neither guests nor auditors can vote in the general assembly. The association will be dissolved if no general assembly can be formed or called to order.

ARTICLE 20

In case of dissolution, pronounced by at least a two thirds majority of trustees and adherents, *en presentia* or *absentia*, the status of PLACE will follow the distribution and destruction of goods according to the law for non-profits 501.c.3 in the state of California.

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