NEW CENTER FOR PSYCHOANALYSIS: ARCHIVAL COLLECTIONS
ONLINE ARCHIVAL AND RESEARCH CATALOG
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Left to right, seated: Sigmund Freud, Sándor Ferenczi, Hanns Sachs. Standing: Otto Rank, Karl Abraham, Max Etingon, Ernest Jones. 1922

New Center for Psychoanalysis is introducing a historic Archival Collection from its Repository. This Archival Collection comprises thousands of documents reflecting, in a broader sense, on multifaceted discourses of the Psychoanalytic Movement in Los Angeles, as well as on scientific narratives, elucidating the modern and postmodern Theories of Psychoanalysis. The earliest documents are dated by the late 19th century, while the contemporary documents are related to the nowadays scientific works.

In 1939, Dr. Ernst Simmel, the former Director of the first Psychoanalytic Hospital Schloss Tegel, near Belin and the founder of the Psychoanalytic Study Group of Los Angeles, wrote,

To be sure it is not something psychic that holds human society together or what we are living to see just now that threatens to break
it up. It is the struggle for existence among individuals as well as among nations. But decisively new way we have learned from Freud to look at it is that this struggle for the treasures of civilization as well as for the material products, necessary for our existence, is decisively influenced by unconscious, irrational motives.

Distress, in which individuals and peoples live, is to the great extent due to the fact that a considerable amount of any distress, from which men suffer, is unconsciously created by the men themselves and that in spite of this struggling the men are unable to free themselves from the distress just because they unconsciously are bound to it.

Dr. Ernst Simmel, 1939
We are creating a modern Online Archive and a Repository, both reflecting the multi-vectorial discourse of Psychoanalysis and elucidating the varying psychoanalytic narratives, dated from the early 1920s to nowadays.

This Repository is centered around the corpus of documents, inherited and preserved over the time at the New Center for Psychoanalysis.

We are working to build an index-term searchable Online Archive available and useful for professionals not only in psychoanalytic disciplines but also in interdisciplinary research.

**Archival Repository (the Archival Collection) of the New Center for Psychoanalysis is being built on the premise of subject-oriented structure. This paradigm reflects the following**

- Historical chronology of Psychoanalytic Movement in Los Angeles;
- Personalia of scientists and scholars, who pioneered in Psychoanalytic Science, practicing applied psychoanalysis and conducted psychoanalytic studies;
- The Lexicon or the Control Vocabulary as a formalized narrative, enabling indexing and the other correlated functions of the search system;
- The Online Historic Archive of the NCP is a historic Collection, comprising digitized original documents, primary sources and secondary literature;
- Availability for the end-user to work with any of the catalogued and indexed and digitized documents by means of the corresponding browsing of the System.

**The state of Research and Archival processing,**

Therein we have structured the macro-collections as the Record Groups, thus comprising the overall content of the given Repository.

Admittedly, the in-depth sub-division and typological determination remains a subject of further research.
With a various extent of cataloguing, indexing, digitization and archival preservation, we have preliminarily processed the following Record Groups,

- RG -- 01, Psychoanalytic Institute Foundation of Los Angles. Correspondences, 1938 – 1940. Dr. Ernst Simmel, Correspondences;
- RG -- 02, Dr. Otto Fenichel, Papers, 1936 – 1964;
- RG -- 03, Dr. Hanna Fenichel (Heilborn) Papers, 1920s -- 1970s;
- RG -- 04, Dr. Hanna Heilborn (Fenichel), Educational Papers, Germany, 1900s -- 1920s;
- RG -- 05, Los Angeles Psychoanalytic Society and Psychoanalytic Institute, Papers, 1940s -- 1950s;
- RG -- 06, Psychoanalytic Study Group of Los Angeles, Papers, 1935 – 1946;
- RG -- 07, Psychoanalytic Institutions in Los Angeles, Correspondences, 1940s, 1950s, 1960s;
- RG -- 08, Dr. Ernst Simmel, Papers, 1908 – 1946;
- RG -- 09, Reflections on international periodicals of Psychoanalysis, Papers, 1920s, 1930s;
- RG -- 10, History Committee for the Psychoanalytic Society, Los Angeles, Papers, 1960s;
- RG -- 11, Interviews (testimonies) with the former Members of the Psychoanalytic Study Group of Los Angeles, conducted in 1961 -- 1965;
- RG -- 12, Psychoanalytic Study Group of Los Angeles, correspondences and related documents, 1900s -- 1940s;
- RG -- 13, Psychoanalytic Narratives, Discourses and Conceptions. Papers, 1930s – 1960s;
- RG -- 14, Biographical information of the analysts, correspondences;
- RG -- 15, Dr. David Brunswick, Papers, 1930s – 1960s;
- RG -- 16, History of Psychoanalysis, Europe and America, The role of the local psychoanalytic institutions, 1930s – 1960s;
- RG -- 17, Correspondences from Dr. Sigmund Freud to Dr. Franz Alexander, Papers, 1924 – 1936;
- RG – 18, Correspondences from Dr. Sigmund Freud to Dr. Ernst Simmel, 1918 – 1939;
- RG – 19, Formation of the Psychoanalytic Institute of Los Angeles, Papers, 1939 – 1946;
- RG – 20, Dissention (the Split) in 1950, reflections and discourse. Works of the History Committee, for the Psychoanalytic Society, Papers, 1960s;
- RG – 21, Dr. Ernst Simmel, essays, articles, lectures and reviews, the German period, 1908 – 1934, Papers;
- RG – 22, Dr. Ernst Simmel, manuscripts and drafts for the monographs, essays and articles in English, unpublished works, Papers, 1935 – 1947;
- RG -- 23, Sigmund Freud, Related correspondences and photo-documents in the NCP-LA Archive;
- RG -- 24, Selected Correspondences between the Freudian Circle of Psychoanalysts, 1918 -- 1950s;

Our preliminary assessment accounts for the approximate amount from 9,000 to 14,000 thousand documents preserved in the NCP Archive. Please note that any given document largely contains more than one page (an average document may comprise from 1 to 12 pages and more).

The NCP Archival Collection contains highly valuable in historic and psychoanalytic terms scientific works penned by Dr. Ernst Simmel, and his colleagues, as well as by the following generation of researchers, scholars and analysts. There are two Collections of Correspondences from Dr. Freud. The one is the collections of the letters from Dr. Freud to Dr. Simmel, dated by 1918 – 1939. The other
collection comprised the letters from Dr. Freud to Dr. Alexander, dated by 1924 – 1936.

Evidently, the published and largely unpublished works (manuscripts) of the analysts working in Los Angeles from the 1930s to the late 1960s constitute an outstanding legacy for the modern Science of Psychoanalysis, namely in Psychodynamics and Applied Psychoanalysis.

Online Archival and Research Catalog

We have selected the Archon Platform for the online archival database. The Archon is a unified platform for archival description, research processes and fundamental search functions.

This system enables the end-user to conduct a multi-vectorial research through the wide array of keywords, subject-matters, scientific topics, personal names, chronological periods, all in all under various angles, with functional focusing on the psychoanalytic content.

Ramification of archival browsing is directly correlated to the Index terms or in other words to the content related subjects. The subject-matters are factual derivatives from the topical connotations and thus constitute the principal search instruments.

The topical index terms comprise a broad group of keywords, collectively describing the content of any archival entity. In relation to the NCP Archive, it is by and large, a Psychoanalytic Content.

The discourse-related or the collective index terms largely reflect the activity of psychoanalytic institutions. The personal index terms mirror personal discourses. All these groups of the index - terms collectively characterize the broader themes. Overall, they constitute the archival structure of the NCP Collections and Record Groups.

In practical sense, the end-users can:
- Simultaneously search correlated descriptions of archival materials in digital format;
- View, download, print and use digital content;
- View, print and search finding aids for individual collections;
Easily navigate from digital content to archival descriptions and vice versa;

Browse materials by the means of subject headings, creator and any combination of search words;

In other words, a given research theme can be browsed under various angles in all archival entities, including the corresponding digital content.

The Archon Platform has been installed online by the professional IT library and archival company, namely The LibraryHost. We have obtained a permanent domain, that is

http://ncp-la.info/

Please note your official name in the virtual world of the Internet. It is

NCP-LA.info

One may check this out by merely Googling it, namely typing NCP-LA.info. This Google-search shall result in the appearance of our Archival Interface.

We have processed four archival collections in traditional and online formats. These collections are described by the corresponding historical and archival criteria. The underlying components to identify an archival collection comprise a series of historic and bibliographic categories correlated to the entire collection and, figuratively speaking, engulfing the composition of documents with correlated subject-matters. The online-available collections are listed below,

- RG - 04, Dr. Hanna Heilborn (Fenichel), Papers, Germany, 1900s -- 1920s;
- RG -- 06, Psychoanalytic Study Group of Los Angeles, Papers, 1935 – 1946;
- RG – 08, Dr. Ernst Simmel, Papers, 1908 – 1946;
- RG -- 10, The Works of the History Committee, 1960s;
- RG – 11, Interviews with the former Members of Psychoanalytic Study Group of Los Angeles, conducted in 1961 – 1965;
- RG – 13, Psychoanalytic Narratives, Discourses and Conceptions. Papers, 1930s – 1960s;
- RG -- 18, Correspondences from Dr. Freud to Dr. Simmel, 1918 – 1939;
- RG -- 24, Selected Correspondences between the Freudian Circle of Psychoanalysts, 1918 -- 1950s;

These selected Collections, by and large, exemplify by scope and content, the entire NCP Archival Collection.

The Research Apparatus attached to these collections is a formalized Control Vocabulary, oriented to the content, discourses and delineated narratives, applied to all Collections.

By means of using the series of subject-matters (index terms) and in a broader perspective by interpenetration and juxtaposition of historic and bibliographic descriptions, the end-users can find the entities of interrelated and scientifically corroborated content.

The end-user can employ any search categories, presented on the main page of the NCP Archival Interface, namely,
- Collections,
- Subjects,
- Creators,
- Digital Content,
- Record Group.
- It is advisable to use the Category of Subjects in the initial search, for it shall render a broader spectrum of the content-related results.

This Archive reflects on the History and Methodology of Psychoanalysis, then still a new scientific discipline on American soil since the 1920s. Beginning with the mid-1930s an influx of prominent European scholars would become a typology for the development of American Psychoanalysis. Psychoanalysts and Philosophers who defied National Socialist regimes in Germany and later in the Nazi-controlled countries
had to leave Academia and flee to England, America or to the other unoccupied countries. There was no place in Nazi Germany and Austria for the psychoanalysts of Jewish origin, as well as for those, whose political persuasion related to Social Democracy and Liberalism. For many, the transitional period was imbued with feelings of vexation and despondency. Although these cohorts of Psychoanalytic Scholars worked strenuously. Longing for the old world, they did not recede in the New World. The Edifice of the West Coast American Psychoanalysis received a compelling European psychoanalytic Countenance.

Collection, RG -- 24, Selected Correspondences between the Freudian Circle of Psychoanalysts, 1918 -- 1950s, reflects on a cohort of psychoanalytic scholars who since 1930s lived abroad, largely in America and United Kingdom. Perhaps among these scholars, there were two the utmost loyal and working strenuously to preserve and further implement the legacy of Sigmund Freud. In relation to this Archive, we are referring to Dr. Ernst Simmel and Anna Freud.

It is indicative for the advance level of scholarship evinced by the Psychoanalytic Study Group of Los Angeles. In the same year (1936) of the publication of Anna Freud’s work, *The Ego and the Mechanism of Defense*, Professor Paul Epstein, a Council Member twice on scientific meetings of the group, namely on November 20 and December 18, 1936 presented his discourse on the given theme. The topic presented by Prof. Epstein was entitled as follows, “The Ego and its Defense Mechanism.”

The essence of intransigent Psychoanalysis is lucidly construed in one of the Anna Freud’s letters,
If you want to be a real psychoanalyst you have to have a great love of the truth, scientific truth as well as personal truth and you have to place this appreciation of truth higher than any discomfort at meeting unpleasant facts, whether they belong to the world outside or to your own inner person.

Further, I think that a psychoanalyst should have… interests… beyond the limits of the medical field… in fact that belong to sociology, religion and history…otherwise his outlook on… his patient will remain too narrow. This point contains… the necessary preparations beyond the requirements made on candidates of psychoanalysis in the institutes. You ought to be a great reader and become acquainted with the literature of many countries and cultures. In the great literary figures you will find people who know at least as much of human nature as the psychiatrists and psychologists try to do.

"Creative minds have always been known to survive any kind of bad training."
- Anna Freud

Anna Freud, Vienna, 1920s
RG-06.25, Prof. Epstein, Scientific meeting, Psychoanalytic Study Group of Los Angeles, December 18, 1936. Topic: The Ego and Its Defense Mechanism

Subjects:

Documents from NCP-LA.info Archive
Documents from the NCP-LA Archive
Documents from the NCP Archive, Professor Epstein
Prof. Epstein, The Ego and its Defense Mechanism, scientific meeting, December 18, 1936
Psychoanalysis, discourse and conceptions
Psychoanalytic Study Group, scientific meetings
Psychoanalytic Study Group, scientific meetings, topics
Below is an excerpt from a work-program approved earlier, at the Executive Council Meeting on October 29, 1936.

The document,

RG-06.23, Minutes of Executive Council Meeting for the Psychoanalytic Study Group of Los Angeles

Work program:

1 November 1936, Review of The Ego and its Defense Mechanisms by Anna Freud,

presented by Prof. Paul Epstein

2 December 1936, Transference and Education, Mrs. M. Leonard

3 January 1937, Juvenile Delinquency, Ms. H. Powner

4 February 1937, Sublimation (as differentiated from other libido outcomes), Mrs. F. Deri
### LOS ANGELES PSYCHOANALYTIC STUDY GROUP

#### Membership List

**Regular Members**

- Dr. Ernst Simmel, President
- Dr. Arthur Tanne, Hon. Pres.
- Dr. Charles M. Tidi
- Dr. David Brunswik, Sec-Treas.
- Mrs. Margrit Munk, Council Member
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- Dr. Kay Ross
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*Away from California during this year*

#### Associate Members

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- Dr. Henry M. Guy
- Judge Russell Wastwick
- Dr. Robert L. Callis
- Dr. Norman Rader
- Dr. Samuel Sperling
- Mr. Charles Williamson

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RG-06.139, Psychoanalytic Study Group, Membership List, 1941 – 1942, NCP-LA Archive
Interface, showing an option to browse by a Subject (a category)

The corroborated by the content, series of the subjects and creators are indicative for the corresponding search categories. All in all, the Archival Libraries of the Subject-Matters and Creators comprise Hierarchical Authority in the form of Controlled Vocabulary. The corresponding digital content is being added to every processed document and as such it
complements and corroborates the found earlier all descriptive parameters, related to the given document.

The second rubric in the Online Archive and Catalog relates to the Description of a Collection by the means of the following categories:

- Abstract
- Scope
- Bibliographical and Historical Note
- Bibliographical and Historical notes’ author
- Subjects
- Languages

If we, for example, we shall to search for the documents related to Dr. Ernst Simmel, then his name would be regarded as a ‘category’. Once it is typed in a search box, near the NCP logotype, of the Public Interface, the search begins. In our example, resultant to this search would be 164 category-like matches (please note it is only the beginning of the online processing).

In the result, all the correlated subject-matters (index terms) where the name in question (Dr. Ernst Simmel) was part of a subjective phrase have been identified and made available for further research.

All digital content, if it has been added, is also available alongside the list of rendered results.

The exemplified list of index terms containing the name, Dr. Ernst Simmel, is a collective composition from the four collections processed so far.

As indexing and adding of the digital content continue, the number of subject-matters related to the discourse interconnected to Dr. Ernst Simmel (as an archival subject) shall greater increase in terms of broadened content and amplitude of quantity.

The following list of index terms together with the titles of actual documents becomes tantamount attached and available for further research. Please see a replica of the search results below,
List of the corresponding to the given browsing by name, Dr. Ernst Simmel, results, page 1.
List of the corresponding to the given browsing by name, Dr. Ernst Simmel, results, page 2.

Any further search would render cross-references, while the term in question is part of a given controlled vocabulary entity, that is containing the given index term.

Additionally, if the corresponding digital content has been added, then the search would also result in finding a series of the documents in digital format, available for downloading. In other words, the NCP-LA.info Online Platform is not only the Online Archival Catalog. It is also the actual Online Archive equipped with multiple functionalities. Several of the presented below documents are the results of the search by the category, conditionally named 'Dr. Ernst Simmel.'
Here is the excerpt in German, *Wissenschaftliche Bemerkung*

*Scherz nicht nur ein Angsttequivalent, sondern auch ein Alarmsignal fuer Entladung von Aggressionen...*

A relatively tantamount and content-related English translation,

*Scientific Remarks,*
Take seriously a fear equivalent, as the alarm signal for the discharge of aggression...

The documented History of the Psychoanalytic Movement in Los Angeles begins in the early 1930s.

Here we present historical narrations of the early time, created by the History Committee for the Psychoanalytic Society in the 1960s. The members of this Committee conducted a series of recorded interviews with the former members of the Psychoanalytic Study Group of Los Angeles. These materials were also transcribed and served as a documented source for the further works of the Committee.

The narratives presented in the Collection of interviews with the former members of the Psychoanalytic Study Group of Los Angeles, 1935 – 1946, reflect on personal and public discourse with a special attention given to such outstanding personalities, who were, Dr. Ernst Simmel and Dr. Otto Fenichel. In addition to valuable factology, these testimonies reveal an evocative outburst of emotions and often contradicting personal opinions, largely related to the fateful Split of the Psychoanalytic Society and the Institute of Los Angeles in 1950.

Presented here documentation, in the form of personal testimonies, recollections and essays enables us to reconstruct in a possible truthful and comprehensive manner the multilayered and perplexed causations of the Split and of its Aftermath. This discourse is often entangled in personal and institutional countenance.

Although, reflections and personal opinions may differ, a broader picture, of professional and scholarly activity of the Psychoanalytic Study Group in 1935 – 1946 has been objectively and comprehensively presented.

It should be noted that the events precipitating the actual split and deposing of Dr. Ernst Simmel played a crucial role in his demise and eventually negatively affected the further integration and scholarly development of the Psychoanalytic Movement in Los Angeles.

Largely, these interviews were conducted by the committee members, namely, Dr. Kandelin, Dr. Stoller, Dr. Horowitz, Dr. Qurieff.

The testimonies, overall, embody several principal discourses, namely the chronology of the Psychoanalytic Study Group of Los Angeles, its scientific progress over the time and of the outstanding role of Dr. Simmel in developing a viable psychoanalytic institution. These oral histories provide
valuable insights and render analysis on the causation and implementation of the Split, emphasizing the underlying role of the people who induced it. In this regard, the testimony of Dr. Ernst Lewy is of exemplary value, rendering conscientious and unbiased analysis.

RG-11, Interviews with the former Members of the Psychoanalytic Study Group of Los Angeles, 1961 – 1965
RG-11.05, Interview with Dr. Ernst Lewy, February 24, 1963 | NCP-LA

Title:
RG-11.05, Interview with Dr. Ernst Lewy, February 24, 1963

Date:
February 24, 1963

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RG-11.05

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Found in:
Interviews with the Members of Psychoanalytic Study Group of Los Angeles, 1961 - 1965 → Item 8: RG-11.05, Interview with Dr. Ernst Lewy, February 24, 1963

Creators:
Dr. Alfred Kandel, Chairman of the History Committee (1961 - 1965)
Dr. Ernst Lewy, psychiatrist, psychoanalyst, scholar (1944 - 1963)

Subjects:
A great number of unpublished works of Dr. Simmel by Dr. Ernst Lewy
British division into three groups: Sanna Freud group, Melanie Klein group, independent group
Differences between Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis, a negative correction, Dr. Ernst Lewy
Difficulties in family life of Dr. Simmel by Dr. Ernst Lewy

Digital Content, Subject – Matters (Index terms), all index terms are further searchable, page 1.
Digital Content, Subject – Matters (Index terms), all index terms are further searchable, page 2.
Digital Content, Subject – Matters (Index terms), all index terms are further searchable, page 24.
Archives perpetuate History, they allow us to see the Past under different angles, create the scientific paradigms for the Present and prognosis for the Future. We shall not forget that we constantly borrow from the achievements of the Past.

The nowadays Science of Psychoanalysis, if compared to the founding Freudian Theory and its ramification, is not in dissonance with the scientific axioms, provisions and postulates of that revolutionary time. On the contrary, the present-day Psychoanalysis has not rejected the cornerstone principles of the Psychoanalytic Revolution of the early 20th Century. The modified and innovated Psychoanalysis, equipped with the new methodological narratives, is still bound to its imperatives. The Science of the modern Psychoanalysis, thus preserving the Freudian scholarly foundation, continues to create and explore the new series of sub-theories, correlated to the evolving societal and political realities.

In conclusion we shall say that by developing the Online Archive and the Online Archival Research Catalog, we perpetuate the reappearance of the psychoanalytic past by bringing to the light thousands of historic documents. By implementing the historical description and application of the subject-matter apparatus, we ensure a professional research process. We are also creating prospectively sophisticated resources for the multifaceted psychoanalytic research and studies, not to mention the preservation of the NCP Archival Collection in perpetuity.
Psychoanalytic Study Group of Los Angeles, March 1944.

The mature and healthy ego is unaware of itself while functioning in accordance with the demands of object reality.

Dr. Ernst Simmel

Published in The Psychoanalytic Quarterly, Vol. XIII, 160 – 185, 1944
Like this sorrowful Knight, we are imbued by introspection, by internalized vexation and diffident thoughts. We are hesitant, if the Time has come to externalize the vicissitudes of the enmeshed Unconscious.

This brochure is narrated by

Senior Historian

Dr. Vladimir Melamed

New Center for Psychoanalysis, Los Angeles
If the evolution of civilization has such far reaching similarity with the development of the individual and if the same methods are employed in both, would not the diagnosis be justified that many systems of civilization or epoch of it, possibly even the whole of humanity – have become “neurotic” under the pressure of civilizing trends?... But it behooves us to be very careful... In spite of all these difficulties, we may expect that one day someone will venture into the research into pathology of civilized communities.

- Sigmund Freud, 1929