

Company for a Renaissance of Psychoanalysis in Europe

Each of us, in our own tongue and in our own town, have done a psychoanalysis; some of us have also become psychoanalysts. Without alienating our freedom, we have nevertheless submitted ourselves to very strict rules which originate, for the most part, with the beginnings of psychoanalysis.

These traditions, which occupy a place in culture, halfway between the arts and the sciences, delineate our discipline. A discipline that has always been influenced by the diversity of our languages, which have managed to, on the one hand, assimilate to psychoanalysis and on the other hand, to enrich it.

Even if the territory occupied by psychoanalysis does not correspond to a country as such, it is nevertheless practiced throughout Europe. Full legal harmonisation is currently inconceivable on our continent, but the Council of Europe actually aims at defending customary law.

We know that it is the respect of our rules and customs, and not a university training, that constitute the formation of a psychoanalyst. We also know that the analysis we have all undergone and benefited from is not to be found in the field of state regulated mental health practices, which represent a threat to our profession.

We do not understand, therefore, why the majority of psychoanalytical practitioners' associations do not form a united front against the attempts to regulate our profession under a medical regime that would reduce our practice to nothing more than a psychotherapy.

We do not understand either why these associations perpetuate between themselves endemic wars, which originate often in interpersonal disputes or historical disagreements that are impossible for outsiders to understand.

The Company we would like to propose would be a site to join together, protected by European customary law, where psychoanalysts (lay or not) will be able to find common ground in which to share experiences and freely develop their researches.

The stake would be to win, in Europe, based in the capital Brussels, a third moment for psychoanalysis after Freud and Lacan.

Anyone, analyst or non-analyst, who feels concerned with the future of our discipline will be invited to join us, bringing his/her support to our project, by communicating us their email address.

We would then provide the information and all necessary documents to found this organisation.