

## **Some propositions for a Center of Play (for Bahar Fattahi)**

Play begins before it begins; it ends both before and after it ends.

Play is free. Play takes time. Time is expensive.

Play is determined by the players.

Play can look like anything. Often, play looks exactly like what it's not.

Play is not here! Play is not happening right now! We swear!

The centre for play doesn't have a centre. Or: it has many centres. Each of these centers is a periphery, and any periphery might become a center.

Play can absorb anything. It doesn't absorb everything though. Testing and unsettling the boundaries of play is one of the most important operations of play.

The 'P' in play stands for pleasure. We don't yet know what the other letters stand for.

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