

**Words and Deeds:  
Language, The Psyche & Object Relations**

The UCL Psychoanalysis Unit December Conference

**Friday 1 – Sunday 3 December 2023 (GMT)**

The sessions of this conference will consist of papers and presentations with times for questions, comments and discussions between speakers, chairs and members of the audience. We hope you will contribute.

**Friday 1 December 2023** - Clinical Seminars In-Person and Online [pre-registration necessary]

**15.30 – 17.00**      **What Do Psychoanalysts Do and How Do They Know They are Doing It?**  
Clinical Seminar led by David Tuckett

**16.00 – 17.45**      Clinical Seminar led by Catalina Bronstein

**18.00 – 19.45**      Clinical Seminars led by: Peter Fonagy, Gigliola Fornari Spoto, Shirley B. Hiscock, Francesca Hume, Kate Pugh, and David Taylor

**Saturday 2 December 2023**

**09.00 - 09.15**      **In-Person Registration**

**09.10 - 09.15**      **Opening of Waiting Room for Online Participants**  
(Please Note that Online Participants will be Admitted to the Conference from 09.15)

**09.15 - 09.30**      **Welcome and Introductions**  
David Taylor (British Psychoanalytical Society, Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust, University College London, UK) and Liz Allison (British Psychoanalytical Society, University College London, UK)

**09.30 – 10.45**

**First Session**

Chair: Gigliola Fornari Spoto (British Psychoanalytical Society, UK)

**Language - the 'problem of now', Meaning and the Correlation of Thinking**

Denis Flynn (British Psychoanalytical Society, UK)

Discussion and Contributions from the Floor

**10.45 - 11.25**

**Refreshment Break and Bookstall**

**11.25 - 12.40**

**Second Session**

Chair: Francis Grier (British Psychoanalytical Society, International Journal for Psychoanalysis, UK)

**Building Blocks and “White Lies”: A Patient’s and an Analyst’s Struggle Towards a Common Language**

Shirley B. Hiscock (British Psychoanalytical Society, UK)

Discussion and Contributions from the Floor

**12.40 - 13.45**

**Lunch Break and Bookstall**

**Panels**

**13.45 – 15.00**

**Panel 1: Play and the Foundations of Language**

Verity Emanuel (Association of Child Psychotherapists (ACP), and Sheffield Children's NHS Foundation Trust, UK), and Maria Rhode (Tavistock Clinic / University of East London, and British Psychoanalytical Society, UK)

Chair: Margaret Rustin (British Psychoanalytical Society, UK)

**15.00 – 15.15**

**Short Break**

**15.15 – 16.30**

**Panel 2: Words as Deeds: From Action on the Body to Symbolisation**

Emma Hotopf (British Psychoanalytical Society, 10 Windsor Walk, and the South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust, UK), and Kathy Taylor (British Psychoanalytical Society, UK)

Chair: Kate Pugh (British Psychoanalytical Society, UK)

**16.30 - 17.10**

**Refreshment Break and Bookstall**

**17.10 - 18.25**      **Panel 3: Does Psychoanalytic Knowledge Have the Impact It Should and What Can We Do About it?**  
Peter Fonagy (Anna Freud, and University College London, UK), Michael Rustin (University of East London, UK) and David Tuckett (British Psychoanalytical Society and University College London, UK)  
Chair: Liz Allison (British Psychoanalytical Society, and University College London, UK)

### **Sunday 3 December 2023**

**09.30 – 09.45**      **Opening Welcome**  
David Taylor (British Psychoanalytical Society, Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust, University College London, UK)

**09.45 – 11.00**      **First Session**  
Chair: Francesca Hume (British Psychoanalytical Society, UK)

**Beyond the Symbolic Level - Detecting the Concreteness in Clinical Communication**

Heinz Weiss (German Psychoanalytical Association, Germany, British Psychoanalytical Society, UK, and the Sigmund-Freud-Institute, Germany)

Discussion and Contributions from the Floor

**11.00 - 11.40**      **Refreshment Break and Bookstall**

**11.40 - 12.40**      **Second Session**  
Chair: Nicola Abel-Hirsch (British Psychoanalytical Society, UK)

**Making the Best of a Bad Job? Doing Things With Words in Psychoanalysis**

Liz Allison (British Psychoanalytical Society, and University College London, UK)

**12.40 - 13.10**      **Plenary Panel**

**13.10 - 13.25**      **Closing Remarks and Thanks**  
David Taylor (British Psychoanalytical Society, Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust, University College London, UK)