



**THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR
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PSYCHODYNAMIC SUPERVISION**

SPRING CONFERENCE

Saturday 16th April 2016

**Bion, Supervision and the Psychoanalytical
Attitude**

CHRIS MAWSON

This workshop will centre on the need for supervisors to foster the use of a particular state of mind in the practitioner, one which is suited for the use of intuition of inner reality and its expression in transference and counter transference; Chris Mawson will discuss how the minimum conditions necessary for an analytic attitude involves a suppression of the attention to external realities, foregoing the usual need to impose narrative and cause-and-effect, reassurance, explanation and theory. In doing so he will emphasise the specificity of a psychoanalytic attitude, and will show how this is at the heart of Bion's clinical work and how he approached teaching and the supervision of analysts and psychotherapists. He also will show how it embodies Freud's fundamental recommendations of clinical practice.

Chris Mawson Ch.Clin.Psychol, F. Inst. Psychoanal., is a psychoanalyst in full time private practice, and a Training and Supervising Analyst of the British Psychoanalytical Society. His first training was as a Clinical Psychologist, with a research interest in Attention and Manic Depressive psychosis, and continued his training in work with adolescents and children, at the **Tavistock Clinic**. As well as the clinical practice of psychoanalysis he is interested in the study of groups and organisations from a psychoanalytic perspective, particularly that pursued by the British Group Relations orientation. He was a member of the organising committee of the first European Psychoanalytic Film Festival (EPFF), a psychoanalysis and film conference run every two years by the British Psychoanalytical Society. He is also the author of numerous papers and publications; including the Editor of *The Complete Works of W.R. Bion* (2014), Karnac Books, and *Bion Today* (2010) in the New Library of Psychoanalysis series, Routledge Press.

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| 9.30 | Registration | |
| 10.00 | Welcome and Speaker | |
| 11.15 | Coffee | |
| 11.45 | Discussion Groups; Thoughts on the keynote | |
| 1.00 | Lunch | |
| 2.00 | Discussion Groups: Themes & Application to practice | |
| 3.00 | Tea | |
| 3.20 | Plenary with Speaker | 4.00 End |

**Cost including hot lunch and refreshments: Non Members: £85 / Early Bird: £75;
Members: £75 / Early Bird: £60; Retired BAPPS members; £45
Early Bird deadline bookings made by 12th February 2016**

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Venue: The Tavistock Centre, 5th floor Lecture Theatre, 120 Belsize Lane, London NW3 5BA

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