



# The Specificity of Psychoanalysis Today

## Friday 10th to Sunday 12th December 2010

What is specific about the way we do psychoanalysis? Do we know and can we agree on how to answer this question? Is it possible to understand and discuss the reasons for our different ways of working without trying to tell each other how to work (*oversision*)?

This conference will build on the work of the EPF Working Party on Comparative Clinical Methods and their development of a systematic means of comparing the ways in which analysts work. We will try to advance the process of understanding what we really do when we do psychoanalysis.

There will be small group clinical seminars and an introductory session. Two experienced clinicians will present work and participants will have the opportunity to discuss it first with them and then in small groups using the EPF methodology. There will also be the opportunity for colleagues to present parallel papers on the conference theme.

In this way we hope to provide a unique opportunity to address (and help each other to address) what exactly we think we are doing when we do psychoanalytic work and to take rigorous clinical thinking forward. We will attempt to avoid oversision!

### Speakers and Seminar Leaders will include:

- Dana Birksted-Breen • Olivier Bonard • Marie-France Dispaux • Betty Joseph • David Millar • Richard Rusbridger • Anne Marie Sandler • David Tuckett

### Call for Parallel Papers

We would welcome submissions of parallel papers based on the conference theme. Please submit abstracts to [n.harding@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:n.harding@ucl.ac.uk) by 30th September 2010.

There will also be limited opportunities to present material at the clinical seminars. If you are interested in presenting your work, please contact [n.harding@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:n.harding@ucl.ac.uk)

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