

LECTURE SERIES

# The Development of Psychoanalytic Theory

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This lecture series offers a chronological overview of the development of psychoanalytic theory.

It begins with 2 introductory lectures which situate psychoanalysis within a broad cultural and epistemological context.

This is followed by a systematic overview of key concepts in the development of Freud's theory.

The second half of the course covers contemporary developments and includes the work of Anna Freud, Winnicott, Klein, Segal, Rosenfeld and Bion.

The course covers some epistemological issues relevant to psychoanalysis and the application of psychoanalysis to the understanding of sociocultural issues.

### Aims

The course aims to give a thorough grounding in core psychoanalytic concepts. It will be of interest to those seeking an introduction/foundation course into psychoanalysis and also to those who, are already familiar with the subject but would like to study the topics in a systematic way, in order to deepen their understanding.

### Course outline

#### Autumn Term

- The Psychoanalytic Endeavour: General Considerations
- Freud: Biographical Landmarks and Overview
- The Trauma or Seduction Theory of Neurosis and its Abandonment
- Dreams and Symptoms
- The Topographical Model of the Mind
- The Freudian Notion of Instinct
- The Oedipus Complex
- Narcissism

#### Spring Term

- Mourning and Melancholia
- Final Revision of Instinct Theory
- Ego and the Id
- Group Psychology and the Analysis of the Ego
- Papers on Technique
- An introduction to the work of Anna Freud
- Introduction to the Work of Melanie Klein
- The Early Oedipus Complex
- The Paranoid Schizoid Position
- The Depressive Position
- Psychoanalysis and Racism

#### Summer Term

- Aspects of Hanna Segal's Work
- Herbert Rosenfeld's Notion of Pathological Narcissism
- Bion's Contribution
- An Introduction to the Work of Winnicott
- Feedback and Overview

### Timetable

The lectures take place on Wednesday morning from 11.45am to 1.00pm. The lectures are 45 minutes long and are followed by a discussion period.

The lecture series consists of 30 lectures.

Members will be expected to undertake some reading before the course and will be provided with a relevant reading list for each lecture.

### Course Organiser and principal lecturer

Dr David Bell, President of the British Psychoanalytic Society.

### Teaching staff

Senior staff at the Tavistock Clinic and other experts.

#### FURTHER INFORMATION

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