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The Analytic Attitude:
Through the Lens of Freud and Klein

ONE DAY SEMINAR - IN PERSON - SYDNEY
Saturday 10 April 2027



Seminar Description:

Dr Bell explores the development of the **analytic attitude** from Freud through Klein, focusing on the evolving relationship between psychoanalytic theory and clinical technique.

The morning session examines Freud's model of the mind and the foundations of the analytic attitude. We will then move on to consider Klein's elaboration of these concepts, particularly her new understanding of **unconscious phantasy and of the transference**, and their implications for analytic technique.

The afternoon will turn to a consideration of **analytic neutrality**, exploring the tension between the psychoanalyst as clinician and as citizen.

As analysts we need to remain receptive to the multiple meanings of politically charged material brought into the consulting room without abandoning the analytic position or turning clinical work into political advocacy.

However, Dr Bell will offer a critique of the misapplication of the concept of neutrality to the psychoanalyst's engagement as citizen in the sociopolitical realities which surrounds him.

About the Speaker:

David Bell is a Training Analyst and a Past President of the British Psychoanalytic Society.

He retired in 2021 after 25 years as a Consultant at the Tavistock, where he founded and led a specialist service for the more complex cases (the Fitzjohns Unit).

Whilst at the Tavistock, he developed a lecture course on the development of psychoanalytic concepts which marked the beginning of his lifelong scholarly engagement with the work of Freud, Klein and Bion.

Throughout his career, he has been deeply involved in interdisciplinary studies: psychoanalysis and literature, philosophy, and socio-political theory (he set up and chaired, for fifteen years, a Philosophy and Psychoanalysis Study Group).

He is a leading psychiatric expert in immigration/asylum/human rights. He currently delivers regular online courses on The Development of Psychoanalysis/Psychoanalysis and Culture.

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Date:	Saturday 10 April 2027
Time:	10am to 5pm
Venue:	Central Sydney - Venue TBC
Cost:	$250.00

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