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IPSO-EUROPE offers a Webinar providing an important opportunity for the intercultural dialogue between candidates across the European psychoanalytical landscape. It includes a personal interview with Avner Bergstein, a paper presentation, and time for discussion.

"Truth shall spring out of the earth":

The analyst as gatherer of sense impressions

A dialogue with Avner Bergstein



In this talk, Avner Bergstein will reflect on our attempt to approach the unknowable, ultimate reality of the psychoanalytic experience, and the unrepressed unconscious. Leaning on Bion's clinical writings, he would like to explore the *clinical implications* of the notion of psychoanalytic intuition as a primary tool in this endeavour, drawing on both Freud's conception of 'attention' and Bion's emphasis on the power of observation.

Intuition is often described as an unmediated knowing or understanding of truth, not supported by any information derived from a familiar sensual source. It is thus often seen as close to mystical revelation. Bergstein suggests that it is through close observation, very often to one's own emotional experience, that minute transformations in the patient's apparently perseverative material can be glimpsed at, allowing the analyst to approach an ineffable psychic truth.

An essential element of psychoanalytic training and psychoanalytic supervision is thus to facilitate the analyst's sharpening of their capacity for attention and observation.

Avner Bergstein is a training and supervising psychoanalyst and faculty member of the Israel Psychoanalytic Society. He works in private practice with adults, adolescents and children in Ramat Gan and has worked for several years at a kindergarten for children with autism. He authored numerous papers elaborating on the clinical implications of the writings of Bion and Meltzer that are translated into many languages. He authored the book *Bion and Meltzer's Expeditions into Unmapped Mental Life: Beyond the Spectrum in Psychoanalysis*. He conducts reading seminars internationally focusing on the writings of these two authors. He received the IPA 2021 Elizabeth Young-Bruehl Prejudice Award.

REGISTRATION: ZOOM LINK (Closes on the 4th March 2022)

5th March, 2022 Zoom link coming up soon

New York 4:00am **Buenos Aires** 6:00am **London** 9:00 am

Cape Town 11:00 am **Kolkata** 2:30pm **Tokyo** 6:00pm **Sydney** 8:00 pm

This webinar (lasting 2 hours) is for attendance by **IPSO members only** and will be conducted using the Zoom meeting format, with participant cameras on. The Zoom link will be forwarded following registration

A large part of this session will be a discussion. Recording is not allowed.