

Box End Park Kempston MK43 8RQ

### Programme

- 9.30am Registration and refreshments
- 10.00am Welcome from BCaT
- 10.05am David Morgan
- 11.00am Refreshment break and networking
- 11.30am David Morgan
- 12.15pm Plenary
- 12.45pm Hot and Cold Buffet Lunch (included in price)
- 1.45pm Renée Danziger
- 3.00pm Refreshment break and networking
- 3.20pm Renée Danziger and David Morgan
- 4.00pm Plenary
- 4.30pm Close

### BOOKING

Eventbrite online at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-political-mind-bcat-conference-2019-tickets-53384120341> (note there is an additional handling charge for this method)

**Cheque** made payable to Bedford Counselling Centre and sent to 32 St Johns Street, Bedford, MK42 0DH

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The Michael Philips

CONFERENCE 2019

THE POLITICAL MIND

Sat 6th April 19 9.30am—4.30pm

Dr David Morgan

Projective Identification in fundamentalist religious and economic terrorism

Dr Renée Danziger

Austerity's Myth

**COSTS (includes lunch) £95. Student discount £85.**



**VENUE: Box End Park, Kempston, Bedfordshire MK43 8RQ**

10 mins from M1/Junction 13; 15mins from Bedford Station (London St Pancras to Bedford, 35 mins)



**Dr David Morgan**

David Howell Morgan is a Consultant Psychotherapist, Psychoanalyst and Fellow of British Psychoanalytic Society, Training Analyst, Supervisor (BPA:BPF) and lectures internationally and nationally. He is chair of Political Minds (BPAS) & Frontier Psychoanalyst on Resonance FM. He is co-editor with Stan Rusczyński of “Violence Delinquency and Perversion” (2014) and editor of “The Political Mind” (in press) and author of many other publications and chapters. He is a member of the International Psychoanalysis Association committee on Humanitarian Organisations. He also consults to political organisations.

### **PROJECTIVE IDENTIFICATION IN FUNDAMENTALIST RELIGIOUS AND ECONOMIC TERRORISM**

David looks at the role of projective identification in political and economic terrorism. In particular the role of inflammatory grievances that arise in response to the perception of western foreign policy. This attempt to reverse perceived humiliation and shame, uses the guise of religious fundamentalism to achieve its aims.

In conjunction he will also explore how often in violence the pain and tedium of being a ‘have not’ from successive generations of ‘have nots’ means that at some point, this powder keg of loveless emptiness and ‘have not-ness’ will explode into a drive to evacuate these experiences into someone else or adopting political attitudes that facilitate this.



**Dr Renée Danziger**

Dr Renée Danziger is a Fellow of the British Psychoanalytical Society, an Honorary Senior Lecturer at UCL, and psychoanalyst in full time private practice. She teaches at the Institute of Psychoanalysis and at the British Psychoanalytical Association, and is a training analyst for the British Psychotherapy Foundation’s child psychotherapy training. Her doctorate is in politics, and for many years she worked as a social scientist with a special interest in industrial relations, and in HIV/AIDS policy issues.

### **AUSTERITY’S MYTH**

Renée will be looking at how psychoanalytic thinking can help to explain why the British Conservative Party’s radical austerity policies were endorsed in 2010 and again in 2015 by many of the people who stood to suffer most from them. Acknowledging that austerity requires sacrifice, the Conservative Party drew heavily on the notion that “we’re all in this together”. With powerful associations to the myth of British solidarity during the Second World War, this slogan helped to obscure the fact that the burden of austerity would by definition fall most heavily on those most dependent on publicly funded services. Renée will suggest that the effectiveness of this propaganda helps to explain why many who relied on public services nevertheless voted for the Conservatives in 2010 and 2015. She will also argue that other important factors were at play, including the nature of group psychology as depicted by Freud and Bion; and the use of defences such as splitting off, projection and the disavowal of social reality.