



# CMPS

## Center for Modern Psychoanalytic Studies

Online Presentation (via Zoom)

### A Long Road to Clinical Discovery: *Bion and Psychosis*

This presentation builds on and goes beyond Bion's rich reflections on psychosis to a consideration of more recent investigations into the nature of this form of psychopathology. First, there will be a brief overview of Klein's approach to psychosis. This will be followed by a synthesis of Bion's insights on psychosis, from his early writings (*Second Thoughts*) to his theory of thinking. The presentation will then address possible directions for the therapy of psychosis, inspired by the richness of Bion's insights yet grounded in a different genetic perspective—one that does not place the destructive processes of the psychotic mind at its center.

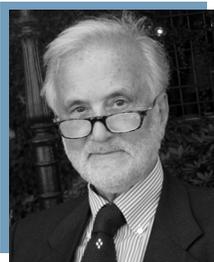
2 CE Credits for Psychoanalysts,  
Psychologists, and Social Workers

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026 • 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (Eastern)**

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STUDENTS: Free



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#### CONTINUING EDUCATION INFORMATION

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES:** Participants will be able to (1) describe a psychoanalytic model for understanding and treating psychosis and (2) describe how significant psychoanalytic concepts evolve, integrating the thinking of various theoreticians to better understand the phenomena under investigation.

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