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Online course

October 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 2025

# THE REFERENTIAL PROCESS IN THE PSYCHOTHERAPEUTIC RELATIONSHIP

— In memory of Bernard Maskit

The course covers Wilma Bucci's **Multiple Code Theory** and computerized English and Italian measures of the Referential Process.

The central hypotheses are that our experience of the world is encoded in different systems (symbolic and non-symbolic) and there is incomplete connection and integration among them. Through the Referential Process we are able to improve the connection between the nonverbal modes of encoding experience – including sensory, bodily and emotional experience – and language. The “talking cure” thus allows not only connection of the subjectivities of patient and analyst, but also of the multiple systems in which they encode experience. In this sense, psychotherapeutic change is an *embodied, contextual, and relational process*.

In addition to deepening the theory, participants will learn how to use **DAAPLab**, an AI-based application that enables automatic transcription of sessions and timely visualization of their progress in terms of language style, for research, routine clinical monitoring, and supervision purposes.

The course also fosters collaborations among national and international researchers. Availability of a laptop for DAAPLab installation is required.

## FACULTY

**Riccardo BIANCHI**, Developer of DAAPLab app,  
Milan Polytechnic, Italy

**Wilma BUCCI**, Co-Director of Pacella Research Center, New York  
Psychoanalytic Society and Institute; Professor Emerita, Derner Institute,  
Adelphi University, NY, USA

**Christopher CHRISTIAN**, Assistant Clinical Professor,  
Yale University, CT, USA

**Rachele MARIANI**, Associate Professor in Dynamic Psychology, Rome  
University “La Sapienza”, Italy

**Attà NEGRI**, Associate Professor in Dynamic Psychology,  
Bergamo University, Italy

**Saturday, Oct 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

09.00 - 13.00 EDT (UTC-4)

*Wilma Bucci*

**Referential Process and  
Multiple Code Theory**

**Saturday, Oct 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

09.00 - 13.00 EDT (UTC-4)

*Attà Negri, Rachele Mariani  
and Riccardo Bianchi*

**Computerized Linguistic  
Measures and DAAPLab**

**Saturday, Oct 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

09.00 - 13.00 EDT (UTC-4)

*Christopher Christian, Attà Negri  
and Rachele Mariani*

**Applications in clinical  
practice, supervision,  
and research**

### The course:

- › is free of charge
- › will be taught in English and Italian with simultaneous translation
- › will be held entirely online

**Registration by 10.05.2025**



<https://forms.gle/b2BHIDsxAzit9gQeA>

**TO DOWNLOAD IN  
ADVANCE THE APP:**



[www.referentialprocess.org](http://www.referentialprocess.org)



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will be issued*

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