

## Brain and Self. Psychiatric Nosology: Definition, History and Validity

PhD Conference

University of Copenhagen (Danish National Research Foundation's Center for Subjectivity Research, Graduate School of Neuroscience, Faculty of Health Sciences)

### Conference Outline:

- Session One: The Basics - The Definition of Psychiatric Illness and Rules for Classification  
 Session Two: The Historical Development of Modern Psychiatric Diagnoses  
 Session Three: Concepts of Validity in Psychology and Psychiatry  
 Session Four: Application to Major Depression and Schizophrenia  
 Session Five: The Way(s) Forward

**April 21, 2010**

<b>Session 1: The Basics - The Definition of Psychiatric Illness and Rules for Classification</b>			
Outline	Speaker	Title	Time
Opening	<b>Dr. Ralf Hemmingsen</b> Rector, University of Copenhagen		9:00-9:10
Welcome & Opening Comments	<b>J. Parnas &amp; K.S. Kendler</b>		9:10-9:30
Guest Presenter <b>Session 1</b>	<b>Derek Bolton</b> Professor of Philosophy & Psychopathology, Institute of Psychiatry, King's College London; Hon. Consultant Clinical Psychologist, South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust, London, UK	Definition of mental disorder and classifying by etiology	9:30-10:05
Invited Discussion	<b>Peter Kramer</b>		10:05-10:15
General Discussion			10:15-10:35
BREAK			10:35-10:55
Guest Presenter <b>Session 1</b>	<b>Peter Zachar</b> Professor and Department Chairperson, Auburn University at Montgomery	Progress and the calibration of good scientific kinds	10:55-11:30
Invited Discussion	<b>Rachel Cooper</b>		11:30-11:40
General Discussion			11:40-12:00
LUNCH			12:00-1:20
Guest Presenter <b>Session 1</b>	<b>Nassir Ghaemi</b> Professor of Psychiatry Tufts University School of Medicine Director Mood Disorders Program Tufts Medical Center	TBA	1:20-1:55
Invited Discussion	<b>Derek Bolton</b>		1:55-2:05
General Discussion			2:05-2:25
Guest Presenter <b>Session 1</b>	<b>Rachel Cooper</b> Senior Lectuer Department of Philosophy, Lancaster University	How should values shape psychiatric classification systems?	2:25-3:00
Invited Discussion	<b>Nassir Ghaemi</b>		3:00-3:10
General Discussion			3:10-3:30
BREAK			3:30-3:50
Guest Presenter <b>Session 1</b>	<b>Peter Kramer</b> Clinical Professor Psychiatry and Human Behavior, Brown University	Where we stand now with respect to our diagnostic categories: psychiatrist as agnostic priest	3:50-4:25
Invited Discussion	<b>Michael First</b>		4:25-4:35
General Discussion			4:35-4:55

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<b>Session 2: The Historical Development of Modern Psychiatric Diagnoses</b>			
Outline	Speaker	Title	Time
Guest Presenter <b>Session 2</b>	<b>Assen Jablensky</b> Professor and Director of the Centre for Clinical Research in Neuropsychiatry, University of Western Australia	Nosological entities in psychiatry: an historical illusion or a real moving target?	9:00-9:35
Invited Discussion	<b>Darrel Regier</b>		9:35-9:45
General Discussion			9:45-10:05
Guest Presenter <b>Session 2</b>	<b>German Berrios</b> Professor of the Epistemology of Psychiatry, Cambridge University	19 <sup>th</sup> c. (psychiatric) nosologies: history and epistemology	10:05-10:40
Invited Discussion	<b>Josef Parnas</b>		10:40-10:50
General Discussion			10:50-11:10
BREAK			11:10-11:30
Guest Presenter <b>Session 2</b>	<b>Michael First</b> Professor of Clinical Psychiatry, Columbia University	Development of DSM-III -from an historical/conceptual perspective	11:30-12:05
Invited Discussion	<b>Assen Jablensky</b>		12:05-12:15
General Discussion			12:15-12:35
LUNCH			12:35-1:55
Guest Presenter <b>Session 2</b>	<b>Harold Pincus</b> Professor and Vice Chair of the Department of Psychiatry, Columbia University	DSM IV: context, concepts and controversies	1:55-2:30
Invited Discussion	<b>Mario Maj</b>		2:30-2:40
General Discussion			2:40-3:00
Guest Presenter <b>Session 3</b>	<b>Kenneth Schaffner</b> Distinguished University Professor of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Pittsburgh	A philosophical overview of the problems of validity for psychiatric disorders	3:00-3:35
Invited Discussion	<b>Peter Zachar</b>		3:35-3:45
General Discussion			3:45-4:05
BREAK			4:05-4:25
Guest Presenter <b>Session 3</b>	<b>Robert Krueger</b> Professor of Psychology and Psychiatry, Washington University St. Louis	The concept of validity in psychology: relevance to psychiatric classification systems	4:25-5:00
Invited Discussion	<b>Paul McHugh</b>		5:00-5:10
General Discussion			5:10-5:30

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<b>Session 4: Application to Major Depression and Schizophrenia</b>			
Outline	Speaker	Title	Time
Guest Presenter <b>Session 4</b>	<b>Mario Maj</b> Professor of Psychiatry and Chairman of the Institute of Psychiatry, University of Naples	Development and validity of the current concept of major depression	9:00-9:35
Invited Discussion	<b>German Berrios</b>		9:35-9:45
General Discussion			9:45-10:05
Guest Presenter <b>Session 4</b>	<b>Josef Parnas</b> Professor, dr.med., Center for Subjectivity Research, University of Copenhagen	Evolution of the concept of schizophrenia and its research implications	10:05-10:40
Invited Discussion	<b>Kenneth Kendler</b>		10:40-10:50
General Discussion			10:50-11:10
BREAK			11:10-11:30
<b>Session 5: The Way(s) Forward</b>			
Guest Presenter <b>Session 5</b>	<b>Paul McHugh</b> Henry Phipps Professor of Psychiatry and Director of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, John Hopkins University	Striving for coherence	11:30-12:05
Invited Discussion	<b>Harold Pincus</b>		12:05-12:15
General Discussion			12:15-12:35
LUNCH			12:35-1:55
Guest Presenter <b>Session 5</b>	<b>Darrel Regier</b> Executive Director of the American Psychiatric Institute for Research and Education (APIRE), Director, Division of Research at the American Psychiatric Association (APA)	The conceptual development of DSM-V	1:55-2:30
Invited Discussion	<b>Robert Krueger</b>		2:30-2:40
General Discussion			2:40-3:00
BREAK			3:00-3:20
Guest Presenter <b>Session 5</b>	<b>Kenneth S. Kendler</b> Rachel Brown Banks Distinguished Professor of Psychiatry Professor of Human Genetics and Psychiatry Director, Psychiatric Genetics Research Program Director, Virginia Institute for Psychiatric and Behavioral Genetics, Virginia Commonwealth University	Validity in psychiatry and the problem of epistemic iteration	3:20-3:55
Invited Discussion	<b>Kenneth Schaffner</b>		3:55-4:05
General Discussion			4:05-4:25
Closing Comments	<b>Kenneth S. Kendler &amp; Josef Parnas</b>		4:25-4:45

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