

**Royal College of Psychiatrists  
Philosophy of Psychiatry Special Interest Group  
Biennial Conference  
3 September 2019  
London**



**Programme**

08:45-09:30	Registration and refreshments		
09:30-09:40	<b>Opening remarks</b> Dr Abdi Sanati, Chair, Philosophy of Psychiatry Special Interest Group, Royal College of Psychiatrists		
09:40-10:00	<b>Official opening</b> Professor Wendy Burn, President, RCPsych		
10:00-10:30	<b>The interference of scientific evidence and political values in psychiatric research of the XX century</b> Professor Drozdstoj Stoyanov Co-Director of University Center for Philosophy and Mental Health, Plovdiv, Bulgaria Vice-Chair, Philosophy of Psychiatry Special Interest Group, Royal College of Psychiatrists		
10:30-11:00	Morning refreshments		
11:00-11:30	<b>Preventive self care &amp; responsibility for mental health.</b> Professor Jennifer Radden Professor of Philosophy, University of Massachusetts, Boston		
11:30-12:50	<b>Minds that work – how our current narrative of mental health is determined by values of productivity</b> Dr Bettina Friedrich  <b>Scapegoats, Kings and Sacrifice; An Exploration of the Ideas of René Girard</b> Dr Vincent Riordan	<b>Workshop: Madness and society: Pathways to reconciliation</b> Professor Jennifer Radden Dr Mohammed Abouelleil Rashed	<b>Diagnosis as a political and social device</b> Dr Francesca Brencio Dr Valeria Bizzari  <b>Are we witnessing the emergence of a new global psychiatric power?</b> Dr Federico Soldani
12:50-13:50	Lunch		
13:50-14:20	<b>Some reflections of the politics of mental health today</b> Professor Helen Spandler Professor in Mental Health, University of Central Lancashire		

14:20-15:40	<p><b>Psychiatry as Street Level Bureaucracy</b> Dr David Foreman</p> <p><b>Peter Sedgwick and defining disease.</b> Dr Dieneke Hubbeling</p>	<p><b>Workshop: Mental Health Uprising? Tokenistic identity politics or societal maturation.</b> Dr Jonathan Hurlow Dr Tamar Jeynes Dr Raf Hamaizia Baroness Elaine Murphy</p>	<p><b>From Marx to "Marco the horse": politics, madness and the institution denied by the chaotic Italian psychiatric reform of 1978-2015</b> Dr Micol Ascoli</p> <p><b>"On your Marx" - Historical Materialism and the Politics of Psychiatry</b> Dr Alistair Stewart</p>
15:40-16:10	Afternoon refreshments		
16:10-16:40	<p><b>Is post-truth bad for your mental health?</b> Professor Derek Bolton Professor in Philosophy and Psychopathology, Kings College London</p>		
16:40-17:50	<p><b>A reflection on the philosophical principles underlying political choices that guided the past and the present of medical education in mental health; is philosophy relevant to its future and how can it contribute to it?</b> Dr Anastasios Dimopoulos</p> <p><b>Trauma, Spectacle, Fake news - mental health in a post-truth world.</b> Dr Andrew Shepherd</p>	<p><b>Personality modification and the politics of psychiatric drugs</b> Dr Joanna Moncrieff</p> <p><b>Insights from Szasz and Wittgenstein on the distinction between disease and behaviour, and the political implications of abandoning the medical model.</b> Dr Joanna Moncrieff</p>	<p><b>When Politics drives you Mad</b> Dr Sarah Majid</p> <p><b>Predictive Coding and Looping Effects as an Explanation of Resignation Syndrome</b> Dr Kris Moody</p>
17:50-18:00	<b>Closing remarks</b>		
18:00-20:00	Drink reception		