

Philosophy Special Interest Group interdisciplinary workshop

Thursday 6th of April 2023

Venue: Royal College of Psychiatrists

Title

Philosophical psychopathology: bridging descriptive accounts with first-person perspectives. An interdisciplinary workshop

Limited number of participants – priority window for booking for trainees.

Introduction

We are very pleased to announce our first interdisciplinary workshop on philosophically informed psychopathology, that will bring together clinicians and philosophers working in the field of mental health. The title of what we expect to be a thought-provoking workshop is “Philosophical Psychopathology: Bridging Descriptive Accounts with First-Person Perspectives. An interdisciplinary workshop”.

This interdisciplinary workshop is designed for psychiatrists, researchers, and students in the fields of philosophy, psychology, and psychiatry. It will provide an in-depth exploration of the relationship between descriptive accounts of psychopathology and first-person experiences of mental illness. Participants will have the opportunity to engage in interactive discussions with leading experts in the field, and exchange ideas on key aspects of the clinical presentation and subjective experience of people suffering with mental illness and how they relate to their clinical observations.

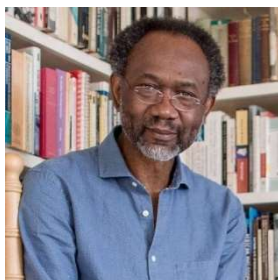
Don't miss this chance to gain a deeper understanding of philosophical psychopathology and its impact on the way we understand and treat mental illness. There is a limited number of places, so early registration is advised.

Programme

- 09.00 - 09.30 - Registration
- 09.30 – 09.50 - Introduction to descriptive psychopathology and phenomenological psychopathology
 - Professor Femi Oyeboade and Dr Anthony Vincent Fernandez
- 09.50 – 10.20 - Clinical cases to discuss in groups – formulation of questions relevant to the cases

- 10.20 – 11.00 - Return in the main group and discuss the questions participants formed as a group
- 11:00-11:30 coffee break
- 11:30 to 12:30 Focus on psychopathological experiences related to thinking
 - Dr Clara Humpston
- 12.30 – 1.30 - lunch break
- 1.30 – 2.30 - Focus on psychopathological experiences in relation to mood
 - Professor Marcin Moscalewicz and Dr Anthony Vincent Fernandes
- 2.30 – 2.45 - mini break
- 2.45 – 3.45 - Focus on psychopathological experiences in relation to perception
 - Professor Francesca Brencio
- 3.45 – 4.00 mini break
- 4.00 - 4.50 - Discussion
 - Professor Femi Oyeboode
- 4.50 – 5.10 Closing remarks
 - Dr Anastasios Dimopoulos

Bios



Professor **Femi Oyeboode** graduated from University of Ibadan with distinction in Medicine in 1977 & trained as a psychiatrist in Newcastle-Upon-Tyne. He has been Consultant Psychiatrist in Birmingham since 1986 and Honorary Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Birmingham since 1999. He was Head of Department of Psychiatry from 2003-2009. He is Associate Editor the British Journal of Psychiatry, & on the Editorial Boards of BJPsych Bulletin and BJPsych Advances. He was Chief Examiner of the Royal College of Psychiatrists from 2002 to 2005. He has been ASB Visiting

Professor at University of Auckland, Raine Visiting Professor at University of Western Australia, & Visiting Professor University of Ibadan. His research interests include clinical psychopathology, delusional misidentification syndromes, medical humanities and medical ethics. He is author of *Sims' Symptoms in the Mind* (4-6th editions), *Madness and the Theatre* and edited *Mindreadings: Literature and Psychiatry*. He is also a poet and literary critic. His volumes of poetry include *Naked to your softness & other dreams*, *Master of the Leopard Hunt* and *Adagio for Oblong Mirrors*. He contributed critical essays to the *Oxford Companion to 20th century Poetry* and *Oxford Companion to Modern Poetry*. He received the Royal College of Psychiatrists' Lifetime Achievement Award in 2016 and the highest award of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, the Honorary FRCPsych., in 2019.



Dr **Clara S. Humpston**, PhD, FHEA, is an Assistant Professor in Mental Health at the University of York, United Kingdom, and Honorary Research Fellow at the Institute for Mental Health, University of Birmingham, United Kingdom. Her research interests and experience span from psychopharmacology to cognitive neuropsychiatry to phenomenological psychopathology. She is a strong proponent of inter- and multidisciplinary approaches and values the importance of multiple lines of scientific inquiry in mental health research.



Professor **Francesca Brencio** is Associate Researcher in Philosophy at the University of Seville (Spain). She leads the Pheno-Lab, A Theoretical Laboratory on Philosophy and Mental Health, member of The Phenomenology and Mental Health Network at University of Oxford (UK) and of the Advisory Council of the Martin Heidegger Society. She is also Executive Committee Member of The Royal College of Psychiatrists - Special Interest Group in Philosophy. In March 2021 she received The Seal of Excellence, awarded by the European Commission, as the institution managing Horizon 2020, in the frame of EU Programme for Research and Innovation 2014-2020. Since January 2022 she is member of the Philosophy of Psychiatry Educators Network as part of the International Network for Philosophy and Psychiatry. She studied Philosophy at University of Perugia (Italy), Theology at the Theological Institute in Assisi associated to Pontificia Universitas Lateranensis (Città del Vaticano) and awarded a Ph.D. in Philosophy and Human Sciences from the University of Perugia (Italy). She worked as post-doctoral researcher at the Western Sydney University (Australia) and the Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg (Germany). She was Visiting Professor in the USA for the Winter Semester 2017 at the

Hillsdale College (Michigan), Wisconsin University, and The SUNY in Buffalo.

Her fields of investigation are phenomenology, hermeneutics, phenomenological psychopathology, philosophy of psychiatry, and Heidegger Studies. Among many publications in International Journals of Philosophy and Psychiatry she has authored and edited the following books: F. Brencio (2023), (ed.) *Phenomenology, Neuroscience and Clinical Practice. Transdisciplinary Experiences*, Springer (forthcoming); S. Ferrarello, F. Brencio, V. Bizzari, M. Englander (2023), "Phenomenological Psychopathology: Who, What and How? An analysis of key figures, advancements and challenges", Special Issue of *Frontiers in Psychology* (forthcoming). She is among the contributors of *The Oxford Handbook of Phenomenological Psychopathology* (Oxford University Press, Oxford 2019), *Storia della Fenomenologia Clinica* (UTET, Torino 2020), and *APA Handbook of Humanistic and Existential Psychology* (American Philosophical Association Press, - forthcoming).



Professor **Marcin Moskalewicz**, PhD, DSc, specializes in transdisciplinary research at the intersection of philosophy and health sciences, his most recent work concerns lived experience of time in mental disorders and in cancer, and clinical judgment of schizophrenia (the Praecox Feeling). Moskalewicz is currently a Humboldt Fellow at the Psychiatric Clinic, Heidelberg University (Germany), Head of the Philosophy of Mental Health Unit, Department of Social Sciences, Poznan University of Medical Sciences (Poland); Convener of the Phenomenology and Mental Health Network, The Collaborating Centre for Values-based Practice in Health and Social Care, St. Catherine's College, Oxford, and Associate Professor at the Institute of Philosophy, Marie Curie- Sklodowska University in Lublin (Poland).



Dr **Anthony Vincent Fernandez** is Assistant Professor of Applied Philosophy in the Department of Sports Science and Clinical Biomechanics and the Danish Institute for Advanced Study, University of Southern Denmark. After completing his PhD in philosophy, he held positions at Dalhousie University, Kent State University, and University of Oxford. He is co-editor of *The Oxford Handbook of Phenomenological Psychopathology* and Associate Editor of *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*. His research focuses on the challenges of applying phenomenology in fields outside of philosophy, including psychiatry, psychology, and nursing. Currently, he is

collaborating with qualitative researchers to develop new ways of integrating philosophical phenomenology and qualitative methodology.



Dr **Anastasios Dimopoulos** is a Consultant in Adult Psychiatry with the CNWL NHS Foundation Trust and the current Chair of The Philosophy SIG of the Royal College of Psychiatry. He has trained in Phenomenological-Existential Analysis (Daseinsanalysis) and is a member of the International Federation of Daseinsanalysis. He has an MA in Philosophy and Mental Health and currently studies for an MA in Medical Education in clinical contexts. He is interested in bringing philosophical thinking in the training and practice of psychiatry.