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## INTERVIEWS AND MEDIA

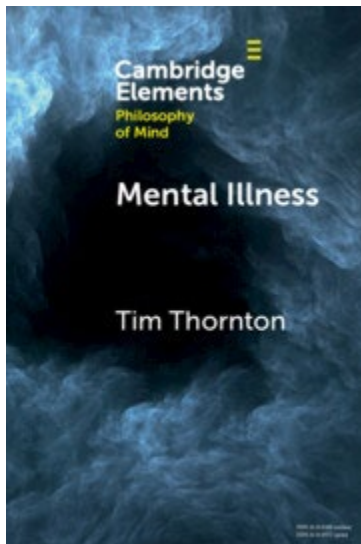
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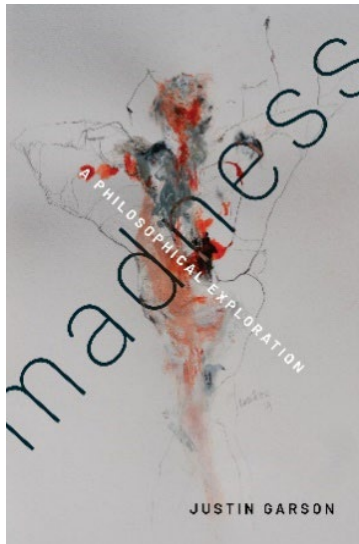
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## RECENT BOOKS

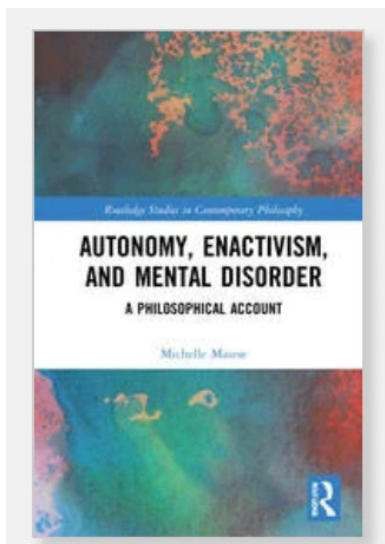


**Tim Thornton (2022). *Mental Illness*. Cambridge University Press.** The very idea of mental illness is contested. Given its differences from physical illnesses, is it right to count it, and particular mental illnesses, as genuinely medical as opposed to moral matters? One debate concerns its value-ladenness, which has been used by anti-psychiatrists to argue that it does not exist. Recent attempts to define mental illness divide both on the presence of values and on their consequences. Philosophers and psychiatrists have explored the nature of the general kinds that mental illnesses might comprise, influenced by psychiatric taxonomies such as the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual and the International Classification of Diseases, and the rise of a rival biological 'meta-taxonomy': the Research Domain Criteria (RDoC). The assumption that the concept of mental illness has a culturally invariant core has also been questioned. This Element serves as a guide to these contested debates.

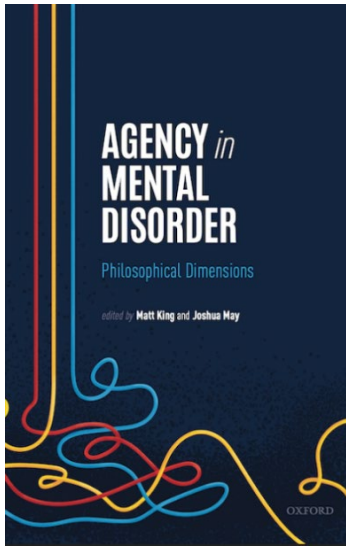


**Justin Garson (2022). *Madness: A Philosophical Exploration*. Oxford University Press.** Since the time of Hippocrates, madness has typically been viewed through the lens of disease, dysfunction, and defect. Madness, like all other disease, happens when something in the mind or brain does not operate the way that it should, or as nature intended. In this paradigm, the role of the healer is simply to find the dysfunction and fix it. This remains the dominant perspective in global psychiatry today. Garson presents a different paradigm for conceiving of madness and the forms that it takes. In this paradigm, *madness-as-strategy*, madness is neither a disease nor a defect, but a *designed feature*, like the heart or lungs. That is to say, at least sometimes, when someone is mad, everything inside of them is working exactly as it ought and as nature intended. Through engagement with texts spanning from the classical era to Darwinian medicine, *Madness: A Philosophical Exploration* shows that

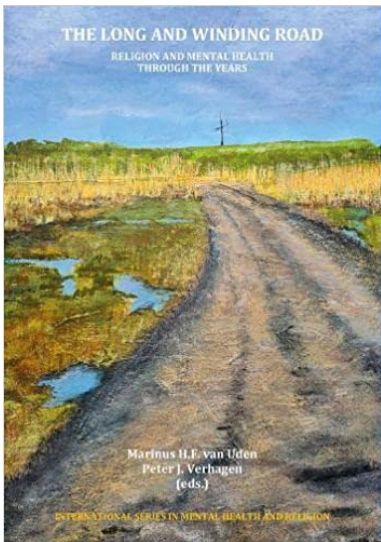
*madness-as-strategy* is not a new conception. Thus, more than a history of science or a conceptual genealogy, *Madness* is a recovery mission. In recovering *madness-as-strategy*, it leads us beyond today's dominant medical paradigm toward a very different form of thinking and practice. It also draws out the implication of the *madness-as-strategy* paradigm for philosophers of medicine and psychiatry, historians and sociologists of medicine, and mental health service users, survivors, and activists. It outlines a new conception of mental disorder, it provides a novel reading of the history of madness, and it presents an alternative vision of what it means to be mad.



**Michelle Maiese (2022). *Autonomy, Activism, and Mental Disorder*. Routledge.** This book brings together insights from the enactivist approach in philosophy of mind and existing work on autonomy from both philosophy of action and feminist philosophy. It then utilizes this proposed account to make sense of the agential impairments that commonly occur in cases of dissociative identity disorder, mood disorders, and psychopathy.

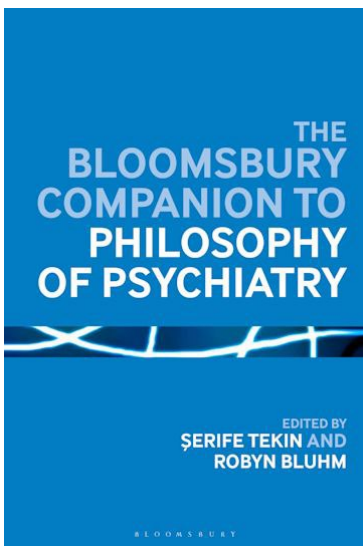


**Matt King & Joshua May (Eds.) (2022).** *Agency in Mental Disorder: Philosophical Dimensions* Oxford University Press. How exactly do mental disorders affect one's agency? How might therapeutic interventions help patients regain or improve their autonomy? Do only some disorders excuse morally inappropriate behavior, such as theft or child neglect? Or is there nothing about having a disorder, as such, that affects whether we ought to praise or blame someone for their moral success or failure? Our volume gathers together empirically-informed philosophers who are well equipped to tackle such questions.

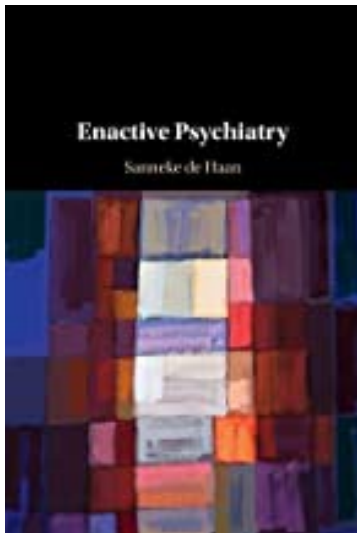


**Marinus H.F. Van Uden, M.H.F. & Peter J. Verhagen, (Eds.) (2022).** *The Long and Winding Road: Religion and Mental Health Through the Years*: Shaker Verlag. This volume contains the chronological publication of the inaugural lectures on the occasions of the acceptance of the Endowed Chairs, established by KSGV (Expertise Centre for Worldview and Mental Health) at several universities in the Netherlands and Flanders. These lectures reflect issues related to mental health (psychology, sociology, philosophy of religion, psychoanalysis, psychiatry, mysticism.)

NEWLY PUBLISHED IN PAPERBACK.



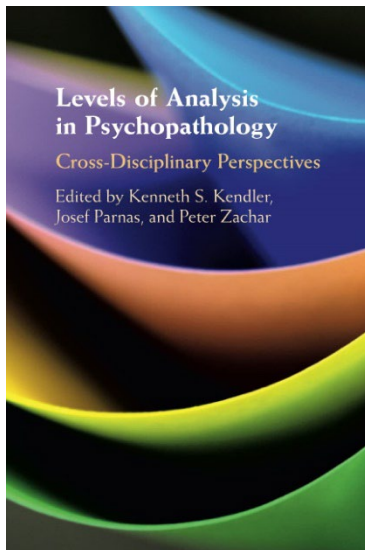
**Şerife Tekin & Robyn Bluhm, R. (Eds.)** *The Bloomsbury Companion to the Philosophy of Psychiatry*. Bloomsbury Press. This book explores the central questions and themes lying at the heart of a vibrant area of philosophical inquiry. Aligning core issues in psychiatry with traditional philosophical areas, it presents a focused overview of the historical and contemporary problems dominating the philosophy of psychiatry.



**Sanneke de Haan. *Enactive Psychiatry*. Cambridge University Press.**

*Enactive Psychiatry* presents an integrative account of the many phenomena at play in the development and persistence of psychiatric disorders by drawing on insights from enactivism, a theory of embodied cognition. From the enactive perspective on the mind and its relation to both the body and the world, de Haan argues that we can achieve a new understanding of the nature of psychiatric disorders and the causality involved in their development and treatment, thereby resolving psychiatry's integration problem.

Use the code 'PSYC3222' to get 20% discount when ordering the book at [Cambridge.org](https://www.cambridge.org) (from \$29.99 to \$23.99).



**Kenneth S. Kendler, Josef Parnas, & Peter Zachar (Eds.). *Levels of Analysis in Psychopathology*. Cambridge University Press.**

*Levels of Analysis in Psychopathology* draws research from psychiatry, philosophy, and psychology to explore the variety of explanatory approaches for understanding the nature of psychiatric disorders both in practice and research. The fields of psychiatry and clinical psychology incorporate many useful explanatory approaches and this book integrates this range of perspectives and makes suggestions about how to advance etiologic theories, classification, and treatment.

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## HONORS AND AWARDS

### Jaspers Award 2022 Bennet Knox - recipient



My name is Bennett Knox (pronouns: they/them/theirs), and I am currently PhD student in philosophy at the University of Utah, working primarily in the philosophy of psychiatry under the direction of Professor Natalia Washington. The aspiration of my work is to use critical tools from philosophy to provide insight into conceptual issues in psychiatry, with the aim of helping to reshape psychiatry into a discipline that better serves the needs of those who require psychiatric care, and which does not overreach its proper bounds. My Jaspers Award paper brings philosophical work on standpoint epistemology, feminist philosophy of science, and epistemic injustice to bear on debates over inclusion of those I term the "psychopathologized" in the revision

process for the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM)*. I argue that meaningful inclusion of this group's standpoint is necessary in order for psychiatry to achieve the kind of scientific objectivity to which it should aspire, and that this will require psychiatry to grapple substantively with radical reconceptualizations of its domain.



### Christophe Gauld - honorable mention

I am a Child Psychiatrist specialized in Sleep Medicine at the Center Hospitalier Universitaire de Lyon (France) and a PhD Student in Philosophy of Psychiatry at the Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology (IHPST – Sorbonne University, France) and at the Institute for Philosophical Research (IRPhil – Lyon 3 University, France).

I am particularly interested in the question of the different forms of pluralisms perceived through emerging psychiatric classifications, in particular by studying an epistemology of

models and the issues of scientific perspectivism, but also by detailing the components of classifications through the study of symptoms.

The Jaspers paper, “From Psychiatric Kinds to Harmful Symptoms”, draws on precisely this question to promote a symptom-based approach, intuitive for clinicians collecting sets of harms. This approach allows for a practical definition of a psychiatric disorder that is useful for the clinician, while adopting a principle of prudential conservatism that does not exclude other theoretical definitions of psychiatric disorder considered as potential epistemic hubs.



### **J. Lind – honorable mention**

J Lind is a first-year medical student at Weill Cornell Medicine in New York City. Prior to starting medical school, Lind received his B.A. in Philosophy from Princeton University and conducted research at the University of Oxford as a visiting student. His submission was the result of research under his thesis advisor, Hanna Pickard, now Bloomberg Distinguished Professor of Philosophy and Bioethics at Johns Hopkins University. Lind’s argument participates in a debate concerning the validity of the disease model of addiction, especially as it pertains to the feasibility of dysfunction in a physiologically normal brain. Lind hopes to expand on this research

in future years, aided by insights gleaned as a clinician and researcher.

### **2023 Jaspers Award: Submissions Open**

The Association for the Advancement of Philosophy and Psychiatry (AAPP) holds an annual competition for students and trainees. Eligibility includes medical students, graduate students in philosophy, psychology and related fields, and residents and fellows in psychiatry.

The Karl Jaspers Award is given for the best paper in the area of philosophy of psychiatry. Entries cannot have been published, nor can they have been submitted or accepted for publication, prior to submission for this award. Resubmissions will not be accepted.

Papers must have relevance for psychiatric theory, clinical practice or psychiatric research. Papers on general topics in philosophy of mind or cognitive science without relevance to psychiatry, broadly understood, are not appropriate for this award. Similarly, clinical reports or reflections that do not advance philosophical understanding are also inappropriate entries for this competition.

More information can be found here: <https://aapp.press.jhu.edu/jaspers>

#### **Criteria considered in judging the entries include:**

1. Demonstrated or potential relevance to psychiatric theory, research, or clinical practice
2. Novelty and/or significance of the contribution
3. Quality of argumentation



4. Quality and clarity of writing

**The deadline for submission for the 2023 Karl Jaspers Award is Sunday, December 11, 2022. Also:**

- **Each submission must be between 3000 and 7500 words in length, excluding footnotes and bibliographies.**
- **Each submission must include a word count.**
- **Each submission must be in PDF format.**
- **Each submission must be ready for blind review and not contain the author's name or other information that will make the author identifiable.**
- **Each entrant must also send separately, in PDF or Word format, an explanation of her or his current career status and eligibility to enter the competition. In cases where the work is part of a project undertaken with others, entrants should also add explanations of the contributions of advisors or others to the work submitted.**
- **Submissions that do not meet the requirements will be rejected without being considered.**

Please send Jaspers submissions to Dr. G. Scott Waterman ([Scott.Waterman@uvm.edu](mailto:Scott.Waterman@uvm.edu)).

## **PROMOTIONS, NEW POSITIONS, OR OTHER CHANGES**

**Jonathan Y. Tsou** has joined the University of Texas at Dallas (School of Arts and Humanities and the Center for Values in Medicine, Science, and Technology) as Professor of Philosophy and the Marvin and Kathleen Stone Distinguished Professor of Humanities in Medicine and Science.

**Jonathan Y. Tsou** will be a member of the Governing Board of the Philosophy of Science Association (PSA) from 2023 to 2026.

**Christian Perring** formerly Professor of Philosophy at Dowling College has been named Assistant Professor of Philosophy, St John's University, Queens, NY.

**Sanneke de Haan** has been appointed an endowed professor of psychiatry and philosophy at the Erasmus School of Philosophy and the Erasmus Medical Center in Rotterdam. The chair is made possible by the Foundation for Psychiatry and Philosophy, the Socrates Foundation, and the Erasmus School of Philosophy.

## CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

**Philosophy Special Interest Group Conference: biopsychosocial model revisited; myth and reality September 12. Full day in person and live streamed.**

Featuring Derek Bolton, Nassir Ghaemi, Argyrios Stringaris, Michael Marmot, and Subodh Dave.

<https://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/events/conferences/detail/2022/09/12/default-calendar/philosophy-special-interest-group-conference-biopsychosocial-model-revisited-myth-and-reality>

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### **2023 AAPP Annual Meeting: Call for Abstracts**

**THEME: Knowledge, Expertise, & Values**

**2023 Annual Meeting May 20-21, 2023, San Francisco, CA**

Program Committee: Douglas Heinrichs, M.D.; Jennifer Radden, Ph.D.; John Sadler, M.D.

The Association for the Advancement of Philosophy and Psychiatry (AAPP) aims to promote discussion between the fields of philosophy and psychiatry: <https://aapp.press.jhu.edu/>

Many diverse groups are engaged in issues related to mental health care: psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers and counselors, nurses, basic scientists and researchers, and public health and policy specialists. In recent years the inclusion of mental health consumers and their families, and the organizations that represent them have grown in importance. Each of these groups claim some expertise to speak with authority about at least some aspects of mental health. Such claims to expertise are based on education, training, and what has come to be called “expertise by experience.”

The AAPP Annual Meeting for 2023 will inquire about the relationships between authority and expertise within the mental health field. Within this theme, a broad range of questions are possible. What counts as expertise? Who decides who is expert and with respect to what domain of knowledge? By what process does expertise become recognized? What kinds of power relations are reflected in various kinds of mental health expertise and authority and how are they embedded in the larger societal context? How can authority and/or expertise be circumscribed or bounded in mental health care? How do these considerations address accusations of epistemic injustices? How might epistemic injustices be arbitrated? What models of knowledge are implicit in these discussions? An important task in the philosophy of mental health is to characterize the legitimate domain(s) of expertise for each of the groups involved, where they overlap, and how to arbitrate differences in perspective. These tasks are important at the level of general policy decisions such as the development of diagnostic criteria, the selection of foci for research funding, and the allocation of mental health resources, as well as treatment negotiations between the clinician and the individual receiving mental health services.

### **GENERAL TOPICS**

While submissions related to the above highlighted topic will be given some priority, papers on all topics in the philosophy of psychiatry will be considered. Topics must have a clear relevance to the practice of psychiatry and mental health care, and not just to general areas of philosophy, such as philosophy of mind, philosophy of science, philosophy of agency, etc.

## **SUBMITTING ABSTRACTS**

Papers on general topics in philosophy or cognitive science without relevance to psychiatry or mental health, broadly understood, are not appropriate for this conference.

Psychiatric and psychological themes can address any issue in psychiatric/psychological education, research, diagnosis, or mental health care. The psychiatric issues should have clear philosophical implications or demonstrate the importance of philosophical positions in psychiatric work. Clinical reports or reflections that do not advance philosophical understanding are also not appropriate for this conference.

Abstracts of 500 – 600 words, prepared for anonymous review, should be sent to John Z. Sadler (John.Sadler@UTSouthwestern.edu) and Douglas Heinrichs (dwheinrichs@gmail.com). Questions about the conference should also be addressed to either of them. Abstracts are due on November 15, 2022. Notices of acceptance or rejection will be sent by January 15, 2023. Presentations will be strictly limited to 20 minutes, followed by 10 minutes for discussion

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### **Call for Papers- Deadline 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2022**

#### **‘RENEWING PHENOMENOLOGICAL PSYCHOPATHOLOGY’ LAUNCH EVENT**

Location: University of Birmingham, UK, in-person and virtual (hybrid)

Date: 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Registration Link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/renewing-phenomenological-psychopathology-launch-event-tickets-388740191377>

*Renewing Phenomenological Psychopathology* is a new project that aims to apply interdisciplinary approaches to phenomenological psychopathology and diversify the field more broadly. It is an International Exchange Award funded by the Wellcome Trust and will run from April 2022 to April 2024. The leaders of the project are Matthew Broome and Giovanni Stanghellini.

Although phenomenological psychopathology has done much to expand our understanding of mental disorders, the tradition remains somewhat fossilized in the humanities and social sciences of the mid-20th century. We aim to infuse phenomenological psychopathology with the recent contributions of analytic philosophy of mind, hermeneutics, structuralist/post-structuralist philosophy, history, literature, values-based practice, developmental psychology, lived experience and service user research. In addition, we hope to generate diverse international scholars from across disciplines and career stages to develop their research leadership and management activities and to engage in award activities including international exchange fellowships small grants, and knowledge exchange events. The award will commence the reconstruction of phenomenological psychopathology for the 21st century as a democratic discipline with a historicized and inclusive account of the experience of mental illness.

Through this launch event, we invite critical reflection on the theme of renewing phenomenological psychopathology.

We welcome abstracts from multiple perspectives, from practitioners and academics of all career stages. Possible areas include, but are not limited to:

- Critical phenomenology and phenomenological psychopathology
- The role of lived experience in phenomenological psychopathology
- Bio-political approaches to phenomenological psychopathology
- Interdisciplinary approaches to phenomenological psychopathology (particularly with connections to the humanities)

The launch event will take place in-person at the University of Birmingham (UK) and via Zoom, with the option of attending and presenting virtually. The launch event is a one-day event, and papers will be organised into an online and an in-person panel running simultaneously. In addition, there will be 3 invited keynote speakers: Prof. Kevin Aho, Dr. Robert Chapman and Dr. Lucy Bolton. Presentations should be 20 minutes and there will be time after each paper for Q&As. We welcome both single-authored and multi-authored papers for submission. A co-authored paper can be presented either by one author, some authors, or all authors. Abstracts for a 20-minute presentation should be a maximum of 300 words, and applicants should provide a short biography of no more than 100 words. For multi-authored papers to be presented by just one author, all authors' names and institutions should be included on the application. For multi-authored papers to be presented by more than one author, include a biography for each potential speaker. Applicants should indicate whether they would prefer to present in-person or remotely. Successful applicants will be provided with *further instructions to ensure all presentations comply with the SWIP/BPA accessibility guidelines*.

The deadline for the submission of abstracts is the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2022 (midnight UK). We are particularly keen to receive submissions from early career researchers, those with lived experience, and researchers from the global south/non-WEIRD (western, educated, industrialized, rich, and democratic) countries.

Abstracts will be reviewed by members of the *Renewing Phenomenological Psychopathology* team and our international advisory board. We intend to inform participants if they have been successful by August 2022. While we will notify all applicants of the outcome of their submission, we will not supply individual feedback on the unsuccessful applications. Impressive submissions which are unsuccessful in being allocated an oral paper will be offered the opportunity to submit a poster of their research to be displayed at the launch event. The launch event will be available for registration soon after applicants are informed of the outcome of their submissions, mid September. Speakers will not be required to register.

We aim to make the launch event accessible to all, in line with the BPA/SWIP guidelines for accessible conferences. The launch event will be fully wheelchair-accessible, and we will endeavour to meet any accessibility requirements our speakers and attendees have. We are committed to ensuring that financial considerations do not pose a barrier to participation so the launch event will be free to attend. For speakers who are unable to access institutional funding to cover travel expenses, we will contribute to the costs of basic travel up to a maximum of £50. We will also contribute towards the costs of child-care expenses for speakers.

**Contact Us:** If you would like to submit a paper or have any queries, please contact us at [phenompsych@contacts.bham.ac.uk](mailto:phenompsych@contacts.bham.ac.uk)



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## **Renewing Phenomenological Psychopathology- International Exchange Fellowship**

### **Call for Applicants- Deadline 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022**

This fellowship allows an individual to travel to sites across our network in order to undertake a placement for up to 2 months. This funding is for academics in the field of phenomenological psychopathology, or allied fields, who want to develop collaborations with leading researchers, transform their careers, and shape the direction of future research. International Exchange Fellows will have the opportunity to work with international colleagues, gain vital experience in multi-/inter-disciplinary working, and extend their international networks.

Through the support of the Wellcome Trust, the *Renewing Phenomenological Psychopathology* project will provide a £3000 stipend per International Exchange (IE) Fellow to cover travel, accommodation, and any visa costs. We will be making 2 such awards each year of the program: 2 will be awarded between April 2022- April 2023 and a further 2 between April 2023- April 2024.

### **The Project**

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For more details on the project, please visit our website: <https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/mental-health/renewing-phenomenological-psychopathology/renewing-phenomenological-psychopathology.aspx>.

## **Our Network**

Our project has developed a large-scale international network of leading academics in the field of phenomenological psychopathology. Details of our network partners can be found here: [Network sites - University of Birmingham](#).

While we encourage applicants to consider choosing one of the existing Network members, applicants are welcome to nominate an alternative suitable institution if this institution is interested in becoming a member of our Network.

## **The Application Process**

Applicants are required to submit:

- A letter from the proposed host institution within our network in support of your application, and stating their agreement to host the fellowship. You are encouraged to contact a member of the network well in advance of the IE fellowship deadline to avoid disappointment.
- Either a 750-word written proposal or a 5-minute video that tells us what you will gain from the fellowships (skills, networks, new disciplines, etc.) and the outputs you plan to produce. Be realistic with what can be produced within the 2-month placement.
- A CV, no longer than a single page (Arial, 11)
- A 100-word biography

Submissions should be sent to [phenompsych@contacts.bham.ac.uk](mailto:phenompsych@contacts.bham.ac.uk) The deadline for the first round of applications will be the 1<sup>st</sup> of November 2022 (midnight UK).

Abstracts will be reviewed by members of the *Renewing Phenomenological Psychopathology* team and our international advisory board. We intend to inform participants if they have been successful by December 2022. While we will notify all applicants of the outcome of their submission, we will not supply individual feedback on the applications which are unsuccessful. If you are unsuccessful in the first funding round you are welcome to apply for the second funding round in 2023.

## **Eligibility**

Applicants must be supported by an institution in the network.

You must hold a PhD in a relevant field or have equivalent research or lived experience.

Research must be within the remit of renewing phenomenological psychopathology. We would be particularly interested in submissions that adopt an interdisciplinary approach to phenomenological psychopathology.

An important aspect of this project is to diversify the field of Phenomenological Psychopathology. We encourage applications from the widest range of backgrounds, perspectives, and experiences to maximise innovation in the field. We are particularly keen to receive submissions from female applicants, early career researchers, those with lived experience, and researchers from the global south/non-WEIRD (western, educated, industrialized, rich, and democratic) countries.

## Accessibility

We will be happy to provide adjustments to ensure that people from the widest range of backgrounds can participate fully in the selection process. If you need an adjustment when accessing the application form, or for any other part of the application process, please contact us and we will do our best to accommodate you.

If you have any queries, we warmly encourage you to contact us  
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1. Publications for the period August 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022. PPP articles will be listed via links to the Table of Contents for issues published in that period.
2. Conference and workshop announcements
3. A list of honors, awards, promotions, and so on
4. New jobs, new positions, or other changes
5. In Memoriam notices for recently deceased people who contributed to the philosophy of psychiatry.

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