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Dr. Jennifer Radden Reflects

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What is it about psychiatry and psychopathology initially drew your interest? When did this happen for you?

To account for my interest in the philosophical aspects of psychopathology I could point to people: a particularly influential older sister whom the family would visit in the several rural mental hospitals where she worked (an occupational therapist then; later,

an object relations therapist), and a medical psychiatrist brother-in-law attached to the government mental health care system.

I could also point to ideas: the interconnections between philosophical questions around responsibility, agency and rationality have always seemed to me to find their natural subjects in disordered minds – they do still, and I am glad to think that this recognition is now more widely accepted, even within Philosophy.

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The complicated trajectory that brought me to my corners of the Philosophy of Psychiatry begins in 1960s Australia. Contrary to the familiar US models, one enters Australian universities for specialized professional training directly after high school. Although the humanities were my strength, I had no wish to be a school teacher, and despite the generous government scholarship allowing me to study anything for as long as it took, I was urged to plan for something sensible and helpful. (It was a time and place where choices were limited for women, for whom marriage was regarded as a suitable goal, and where self-confidence and ambition were gendered, more male than female virtues.)

Philosophy and Psychology each attracted me, and the rather bespoke program that followed took six years: two majors, Psychology linked to training in social work with practical stints in various hospital and agency settings, and the intensive Philosophy Honors program with an eye to future graduate school and academia. I was allowed to indulge my strong interest in disorder, by arranging for semesters-long placements: in the psychiatric ward of the city's Children's Hospital, and in several of the great old asylum-style mental hospitals. At one of these, I remember, they were practicing the latest 'milieu' group therapy from London to little apparent effect as patients nodded off on powerful antipsychotics (chlorpromazine, in those days); in the back 'Melancholia' wards old women sat motionless day after day. There was Kew, modeled on the Cottage system familiar here from that era, and Royal Park Hospital. My final placement was an inner city addictive disorders clinic where, once I was possessed of that diploma, I later tried some months as a paid social worker.

Philosophy was always exciting, heavy on Wittgenstein and Quine. In the Psych major also, after a lot of statistics and experimental work, things had got interesting, with a final course in Psychopathology, taken with the medical students in their Psychiatry year. Here, two professors were memorable: Alan Jeffries and John Cade, known for his early work on lithium.

Jeffries taught us the potent language of psychodynamic psychology, and exposed us to all the charming netherworld of the Freudian unconscious and the defense mechanisms. Cade was memorable in a quite different way. On the stage of a steeply sloped medical lecture hall, an orderly would wheel in the patient, usually a confused elderly woman. Cade would subject her to questioning, interrupted by explanatory asides to his student audience - for all the world, it seemed, as if she were in another room, or deaf. To us social work students, at least, it was a horrifying display, and an uncomfortable illustration of the kind of inhumane psychiatry criticized in Laing's recently-published *Divided Self* (1959). Similar discomfort with patient care occurred again and again as our months-long placements took us to other mental health facilities.

Can you describe your transition from clinical work back to academia.

My academic trajectory thereafter was simpler, and at Oxford. The B.Phil. graduate degree in Philosophy involved exams and a thesis (on the emotions, mine), and was there thought appropriate for the career I envisioned teaching in academia. It was not so regarded in the US, I found when I moved to Boston in 1971. So after ten months as a psychiatric social worker at a psychoanalytically-oriented clinic in rural Massachusetts, I undertook the required doctorate (an Oxford DPhil), combined with some Philosophy teaching. (The dissertation was on agency in the "meta-psychological" essays where Freud lays out his philosophy of mind. The last of them, the 1916 'Mourning and Melancholia' directed some of my later work on melancholy and depression.)

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Your work on psychiatric issues pre-dated the founding of both AAPP and INPP. What was it like doing interdisciplinary work before such an endeavor became a recognized research specialty?

My interest in disorder found little traction within Philosophy at Oxford. It was the late 60s. Phenomenological traditions from Germany and France, with their richer recognition of disordered states, were treated with derision if they were acknowledged at all. Even by the mid 70s, few English-language publications addressed questions about disordered agency; examples from psychopathology were not seen relevant to epistemological or identity issues, and questions of responsibility were limited to those arising in the criminal law. There were bright patches, of course. MIT's James Thomson, assigned to the role of my Boston-based Oxford supervisor, and his wife Judith Jarvis Thomson, encouraged me to pursue my ideas about the exculpatory place of disease conceptions of disorder which formed the basis of my 1985 book *Madness and Reason*. Also, people were beginning to read Szasz, and Foucault (though less in the Philosophy departments), and soon, feminist theory. Outside academe, there was talk of mental patients' rights, and all the changes wrought through deinstitutionalization. Towards the end of the 70s I began teaching some of these ideas in what became a regular and always popular undergraduate course (Sanity & Madness) which I suspect may have been something of a first.

Was this a lonely place to be intellectually, early on? In some ways yes. But the chance to observe and even participate in this new research field as it emerged from its beginnings, has brought immense rewards, not only in professional development, but in comradeship, affording me a remarkably congenial and a gratifyingly eclectic intellectual community.

My sense of its history is that the Philosophy of Psychiatry as a research field grew out of conversations among a handful of academic philosophers (such as George Agich) and those whose philosophical interests were combined with clinical expertise. And for me personally, AAPP was the site of these fascinating and constructive conversations – starting with Jerry Kroll, who encouraged me at an early AAPP conference in San Francisco and became a friend and co-author. There were discussions with Jim Phillips, Michael Schwartz and Ozzie Wiggins, whose deep knowledge of Phenomenological traditions made this group such a methodologically 'ecumenical' one.

Early on, I valued Phillip Slavney's psychoanalytic insights (although my memory is that he left the Executive Council in disgust when, in 1992, I was invited to join.) Ned Wallace's learning provided historical context (and Southern flair). There were exchanges with Bill Fulford, his political savvy and posh friends so essential in starting up of PPP (I'm remembering the trip to the Houses of Parliament, and Lady Warnock), and fostering US-European connections - the Royal College of Psychiatrists, and the Scandinavians' wonderful Nordic Network of Philosophy and Psychiatry. For me, there were also the in-depth and years-long conversations with John Sadler resulting in our jointly written 2010 book on psychiatric ethics. And if the exclusively male names cause surprise, let me assure you that for several years I was indeed the only woman at these AAPP Executive Council meetings, as early photos of the group attest, and that *was* a bit lonely.

Other conversations were with my fellow analytic philosophers, who during those years were showing an increased interest in and understanding of psychiatric symptomatology and classification, so that recalcitrant examples from psychopathology, hitherto often neglected, came to be recognized as challenging for analyses of mind and mental functioning. Much else with bearing on how mental disorder can be understood was also shifting within philosophical thinking - about rationality, method, self-identity, kinds of kinds, for example - and also about knowledge itself, where revisions from the philosophy of science and feminist epistemology had begun to replace individual discovery models with models where knowers are co-participants in knowledge production, and knowledge is made up from diverse perspectives (an epistemic change that proved conducive to acknowledgement of subjective, 'lived experience' voices).

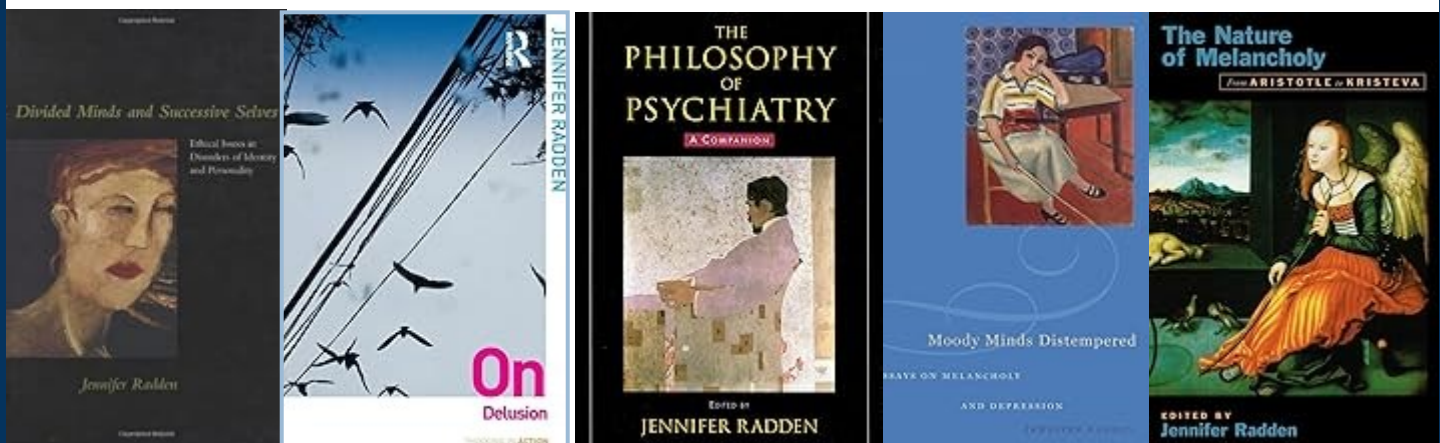
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By the late 80s, people were beginning to publish in the journals with what was a recognizable research specialty and during the 90s I persuaded OUP to allow me to bring out a collection of essays written for what became the 2004 *The Philosophy of Psychiatry: A Companion*. It was a title I remember debating with my friends on the Executive Council: Fulford wanted to call it ‘of Mental Health,’ I rather favored ‘of Psychopathology,’ but ‘of Psychiatry’ won the vote, and has stuck.

How have you seen the discipline change over the years.

In addition to the satisfaction of watching, and participating in, the emergence of this research field, and the support and companionship of sympathetic, kindred inquirers, staying around so long has granted me a long view of transformative changes in mental health and its care. I witnessed the fading of psychodynamic reasoning (with a degree of regret); those neo-Kraepelinian analyses associated with the “decade of the Brain” (disheartened); then the mad pride, recovery and the later neurodiversity movements (with some excitement); the reinvention of Stoic cognitive therapy in the form of CBT (very intrigued, particularly as it applied to depression); the burgeoning of big Pharma (with some skepticism), the emergence of alternative and complementary wellness approaches (amusing in their parallels of the medieval and early modern landscape I knew from my work on melancholy), the upheaval produced by RDoC (refreshing, after the first shock) and, by today, innovations of the digital age, some of which I find downright scary.

Through all that change, the demands in, and on, the clinic persist and so do the tasks of psychiatry, I suppose. Beyond that, I cannot easily envision. But as to the Philosophy of Psychiatry: each change brings with it conceptual and normative challenges and reintroduces those hoary issues philosophers used to call metaphysical (about identity, agency and responsibility), as well as epistemic matters about knowledge and science. There is reason for concern over whether humanities training is itself secure. But if it survives, the philosophers of psychiatry will always have plenty to do, I think.



Philosophy of Psychiatry News



Founding of Latin American Network in Philosophy and Psychiatry

In the context of the II Workshop in the Philosophy of Psychiatry recently celebrated in Valparaíso, Chile, network member Dr. Pablo López-Silva launched the new *Latin American Network in Philosophy and Psychiatry*

<https://psicologia.uv.cl/vinculacion-con-el-medio/latin-american-network-in-philosophy-and-psychiatry-english>

The network has been established with the purpose of providing a collaborative forum for institutions, academics, researchers, and practitioners dedicated to facilitating, promoting, disseminating, and advancing knowledge at the intersection of these field across Latin America.

With the support of the Collaborating Centre for Value-Based Research and the Universidad de Valparaíso School of Psychology the network supports initiatives that:

- (i) are based on the recognition of individual and cultural differences and on respect for diversity;
- (ii) contribute to the advancement of the field through rigorous and empirically informed philosophical work with clinical implications;
- (iii) promote collaborative learning through the exchange of ideas, experiences, knowledge, and skills across diverse traditions of thought and practice in the region; and
- (iv) foster cooperation with national, local, and thematic organizations with aligned objectives.



Over the last two months, the network has already secured more than 100 members from countries such as Brasil, Perú, México, Argentina, Colombia, and Chile.

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If you want to join the network please fill in this [application form](#) and the executive team will contact you.

Honors - Awards - & - Achievements

Kind and Nickel win Prestigious Philosophy Award



Adrian Kind and Lea Nickel were each awarded The German Society for Psychiatry and Psychotherapy, Psychosomatics and Neurology's prize for Philosophy and Ethics in Psychiatry and Psychotherapy. The prize, which includes an award of 6000 Euros, honors outstanding contributions that help to systematically discuss current fundamental questions in psychiatry and psychotherapy as well as in philosophy, especially in the fields of medical ethics, anthropology and philosophy of science, and the humanities and social sciences.

<https://www.dgppn.de/preise/preis-fuer-philosophie-und-ethik-in-psychiatrie-und-psychotherapie.html>

Dr. Kind, of Charité – University Medicine Berlin was recognized for his article, “The faithful response to the comforting delusion objection,” published in *Neuroethics*.



Lea Nickel, of the Institute for Ethics and History of Medicine, University Medical Center Göttingen of the Georg-August University, was recognized for her paper “Speech is silver, listening is gold: Phenomenological psychopathology in dialogue with epistemic injustice.”

Adrian Kind was also a winner of the 2025 Open Access Award. Given by the [Open Library of Humanities](#), the award recognizes “exceptional commitment to open access,” and provides recipients with support for their open-access related projects.

Rosa Ritunnano defends Ph.D. thesis.

Dr. Ritunnano is a Consultant Psychiatrist in Early Intervention in Psychosis in the UK and did her PhD through the *Priestley Scholars* program, a University of Birmingham and University of Melbourne partnership. Her examiners were Prof. Ben Alderson-Day and Dr. Lucy Osler. Her thesis, titled “Delusion and meaning at the intersection of philosophy, psychology and psychiatry” aimed to motivate a shift from the paradigmatic view of delusions as inherently harmful ‘false beliefs’ to a view that recognises that delusions can carry meaning and meaningfulness. The final chapter of her thesis will appear in *The Lancet Psychiatry* in January 2026:



In photo from left to right:

Maria Michail

Jeannette Littlemore

Lucy Osler

Rosa Ritunnano,

Ben Alderson-Day

Matthew Broome

Honors - Awards - & - Achievements continued....

An essay written by Giulio Ongaro, of Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, titled *Conscious life and voodoo death* was shortlisted for the 2025 Berggruen Prize essay competition.

The annual Berggruen Prize Essay Competition seeks to stimulate new thinking and innovative concepts while embracing cross-cultural perspectives across fields, disciplines, and geographies

Promotions, New Positions, and Other Goings-on



Dr. Phoebe Friesen was tenured and promoted to Associate Professor in the Department of Equity, Ethics and Policy and the Department of Social Studies of Medicine at McGill University. She is also an Associate member in the Departments of Philosophy and Psychiatry. Her Ph.D. in philosophy was earned at the CUNY Graduate Center and her M.A. in philosophy at Western University.

Dr. Friesen also received a McGill University's President's Prize for Outstanding Emerging Researchers. This prize is awarded for exceptional early-career researchers whose work is expanding the frontiers of knowledge in their fields.

Dr. Kris Nielsen has obtained a permanent academic position as 'Lecturer in Clinical Psychology' in the School of Psychological Sciences, Te Herenga Waka-Victoria University of Wellington, NZ.

Dr. Awais Aftab was promoted to Clinical Associate Professor of Psychiatry by Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine.

Dr. Nina de Boer started a postdoctoral research project, [*Experiencing Complexity: Reconceptualizing experiential knowledge in mental health care*](#), funded by an Open Competition XS grant awarded to Dr. Roy Dings and de Boer.

Dr. Aaron Kostco has obtained a full-time faculty position in the Humanities, Philosophy, and Religion department at Pima Community College in Tucson, AZ.



Kris Nielsen



Awais Aftab



Nina de Boer



Aaron Kostco

Remembering Dan Stein (1962-2025)

Dr. Dan J. Stein passed away on December 6, 2025, at the age of 63 years. As Professor and Chair of the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Cape Town (UTC), those who had the privilege of working with Dan experienced him as highly agreeable, open, and even-tempered. He was aptly described in an obituary from the University of Cape Town as having “a gentle heart, brilliant, yet consistently humble and self-effacing.”

<https://www.news.uct.ac.za/article/-2025-12-08-in-remembrance-professor-dan-stein>



Dan made important contributions to many areas of psychiatry, including the philosophy of psychiatry – a topic for which he never lost enthusiasm. His enthusiasm was demonstrated in his 2021 book *Problems of Living: Perspectives from Philosophy, Psychiatry, and Cognitive-Affective Science*. (Academic Press). In this book he integrated perspectives from philosophy, psychiatry, and neuroscience to provide thoughtful answers to what he called the big questions and hard problems such as: What is the best way of thinking about mind and brain; How should we think about pain and suffering; How do we know what is really true; and What is the meaning of life? For each question his approach was to try to integrate the best ideas from essentialist, positivist, and constructionist perspectives. *Problems of Living* elaborated on many ideas that served as the basis of his 2008 book *The Philosophy of Psychopharmacology* (Cambridge).

Born in Johannesburg, South Africa, in addition to a medical degree (University of Cape Town) and postdoctoral work in psychopharmacology (Columbia University), he earned doctoral degrees in both clinical neuroscience and philosophy (Stellenbosch University). His undergraduate majors were psychology and biochemistry.

A prolific researcher, Dan had a h-index of over 200. His most best known specialty was anxiety disorders broadly considered, including spectrum concepts for obsessive compulsive and trauma and stressor-related disorders – and he was a member of the DSM-5 and ICD-11 workgroups for these conditions. His work also touched upon evolutionary psychiatry and psychiatric genetics. In addition, he founded the University of Capetown’s Brain and Behavioral Institute – leading him to become the first Scientific Director of the UTC Neuroscience Institute. He was also the Director of the South African Medical Research Council Unit on Risk & Resilience in Mental Disorders.

Reflecting on Dan’s importance to psychiatry, Kenneth Kendler said: *Dan epitomized the best of the small group of academic psychiatrists who are clinicians, serious empirically informed researchers and also try to address, in a scholarly and informed manner, important philosophical issues in our field. He spoke and wrote in a measured tone looking not for sweeping insights but rather for modest incremental advances in clarifying the very knotty problems of our discipline.*

Refusing to serve in a military that enforced Apartheid, Dan left South African and returned after Nelson Mandela was elected President – and spent the rest of his career promoting African interests and perspectives in World Psychiatry. In the words of Werdie van Staden: *Dan set an unparalleled example for fellow Africans of how a clinician can successfully pursue a research career.* As described in his obituary from The International College of Psychopharmacology, Dan had “a commitment to help build a more just South Africa through science, clinical services, and public mental health” – a *bench* (neuroscience), *bed* (clinical) and *bundu*–“community” (public mental health) philosophy. In the words of these colleagues – he “built bridges between Africa and the world.”

https://cinp.org/obituary-dan-stein?utm_source=substack&utm_medium=email

Publications July 2025 to December 2025 (mostly)

Hanna Pickard

What Would You Do Alone in a Cage with Nothing but Cocaine?

A Philosophy of Addiction



Hanna Pickard's *What Would You Do Alone in a Cage with Nothing but Cocaine* (Princeton University Press, 2026) asks why do people with addiction use drugs self-destructively? Why don't they quit out of self-concern? Why does the rat in the experiment, alone in a cage, press the lever again and again for cocaine—to the point of death? Pickard proposes a new paradigm for understanding the puzzle of addiction. For too long, our thinking has been hostage to a false dichotomy: either addiction is a brain disease, or it is a moral failing. Pickard argues that it is neither, and that both models stifle addiction research and fail people who need help.

Drawing on her expertise as an academic philosopher and her clinical work in a therapeutic community, Pickard explores the meaning of drugs for people with addiction and the diverse factors that keep them using despite the costs. People use drugs to cope with suffering—but also to self-harm, or even to die. Some identify as “addicts,” while others are in denial or struggle with cravings and self-control. Social, cultural, and economic circumstances are crucial to explaining addiction—but brain pathology may also matter. By integrating addiction science with philosophy, clinical practice,

and the psychology and voices of people with addiction themselves, Pickard shows why there is no one-size-fits-all theory or ethics of addiction. The result is a heterogeneous and humanistic paradigm for understanding and treating addiction, and a fresh way of thinking about responsibility, blame, and relationships with people who use drugs.

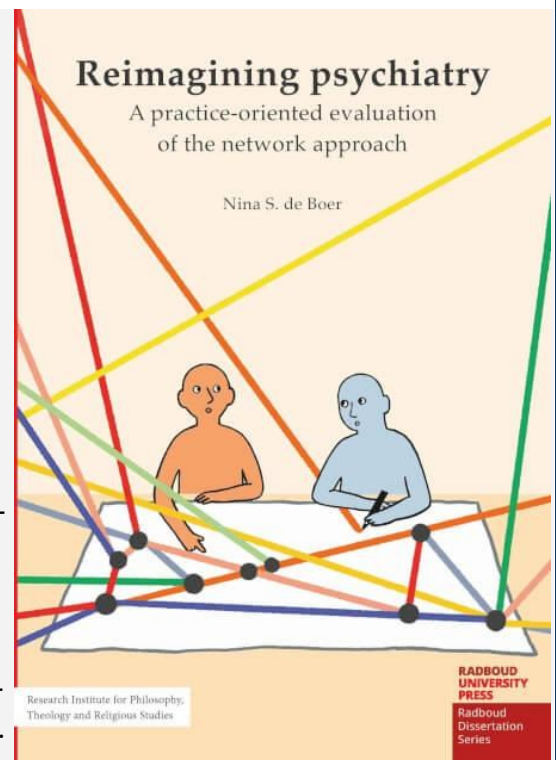
Nina S. de Boer's *Reimagining Psychiatry* (Radboud University Press, 2025) argues that the biomedical approach to mental disorders has fallen short of its promised breakthroughs in our knowledge of mental suffering and systemic alternatives – like the network approach – are gaining traction. But given psychiatry's history of promoting reinventions with big promises and unrealistic expectations, how should we evaluate the “epistemic potential” of the network approach?

de Boer formulates a practice-oriented response to this question, focusing not just on how well the network approach reflects the reality of mental suffering but also on how it represents mental suffering, who uses it, and for what purpose.

By examining the use of the network approach in scientific practice, clinical practice, and daily life, de Boer offers a new perspective on the value of the network approach and contributes to broader debates about the epistemic potential of psychiatric reinventions.

Open source PDF available here:

<https://books.radbouduniversitypress.nl/index.php/rup/catalog/book/Reimagining-Psychiatry/>



SUSI FERRARELLO

THE PHENOMENOLOGY
OF PREGNANCY AND
EARLY MOTHERHOODETHICAL, SOCIAL, AND PSYCHOLOGICAL
PERSPECTIVES

Susi Ferrarello's *The Phenomenology of Pregnancy and Early Motherhood* (Routledge 2025). provides an ethical, social, and psychological investigation of the process of becoming a mother.

Through a phenomenological analysis that engages with feminist philosophy, medical ethics, philosophy of care, and phenomenological psychology, Ferrarello unravels the intricacies of this transformative phase of life to shed light on layers of lived experiences that impact the well-being of the woman. This book addresses the complexity of common lived-experiences characterizing this transition; the overarching period from the first to the fourth trimester, issues concerning maternal-fetal bonding, breastfeeding, PDAM, loss of identity and coming back to work.

Enriched by case studies from Ferrarello's philosophical counseling practice, the book provides a compassionate and insightful exploration of the struggles, triumphs, and moments of self-revelation that mothers encounter in their daily lives. By exploring the heart of the maternal experience, this book shows the often-unspoken realities faced by women

as they strive to balance their roles as caregivers, partners, and individuals. The book offers a powerful means for everyday reflection on early motherhood and the ethical, as well as practical, dilemmas it raises.

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The new issue of the journal *Dialogues in Philosophy, Mental and Neuro Sciences* was published in Summer 2025. Its main topics are phenomenological psychopathology and the psychology of migration.

Rocco Marchitelli of the École Normale Supérieure Paris-Saclay discusses the relationship between rumination and lived time in relation to neuroscience and cognitive research. The Mental Health Unit of the National Institute for Health, Migration and Poverty (INMP) presents a study on delusional hypochondria conducted using an ideal-typical approach. The Roman Circle of Psychopathology group presents the second version, revised after a period of public consultation, of the Phenomenological Auditory Hallucination Scale, second version (PAHS.2).

A historical reprint presents a little-known work by one of the great psychiatrists of the 20th century, the Swiss physician Eugen Bleuler. In this work, Bleuler addresses the issue of suggestibility, a crucial topic today, given the ease with which people are deceived by fake news. Finally, Nicola Cocco of the Italian Society of Migration Medicine comments on the work of Maxima Libertas (published in the previous issue) on the pathogenic effect of using the term "alien" to refer to immigrants in the United States.

All articles can be downloaded free of charge at the following link: <https://www.crossingdialogues.it/journal/current-issue/>



Philosophy, Psychiatry, & Psychology 32.3

Feature Article

Depression as a Disorder of Valueception
(“Wertnehmungsstörung”).

Outlining Model Specifications and Comparisons in
the Framework of Axiological Psychopathology

Hannes Wendler

Commentaries

Axiological Psychopathology and the Intentional Arc
of Personality (IAP)

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Conferences, Workshops, and Funding Opportunities

27th International Network for Philosophy and Psychiatry (INPP) Conference

**October 8-9
Nijmegen, The Netherlands**

Call for Abstracts

Topic: What can Philosophy do for Mental Health Care?

The programme will feature a combination of plenary sessions by internationally renowned keynote speakers, alongside a broad range of parallel sessions. Participants are invited to submit abstracts for these parallel sessions.

Special attention is given to ensure sufficient sessions are specifically designed for those who are new to the field of philosophy. Early-career participants and newcomers are very welcome, and no prior specialist expertise in philosophy is required to join.

A central aim of the conference is to create space for dialogue and connection: between professionals working in mental health care and philosophy, between diverse perspectives and lived experiences. To support this exchange, the programme will include ample opportunities to meet, network, and build bridges across disciplines. A number of social activities will therefore also be part of the programme.

The programme committee seeks submissions which actively bridge the gap between theory (e.g. philosophical, ethical or phenomenological) and practice (e.g. mental health care design, treatment or organization).

Submission Instructions

Abstracts of no more than 200 words, with a clear abstract name. The abstract has to be prepared for anonymous review. Abstract submission will begin on February 1. Submissions will be confirmed by a returning email message. Information on financial support for travel will be available on the registration page. <https://inpp2026.com/>

Abstracts are due on March 27th, 2026. Notices of acceptance or rejection will be sent early May 2026. Presentations will be strictly limited to max 25 minutes, followed by minimally 5 minutes for discussion.

The broad topic categories are

- Epistemological issues in mental health care practice
- Ethical issues in clinical care
- Philosophy of mind
- Philosophical training for mental health practitioners
- Relational and embodied approaches to psychiatry
- Mental illness and society
- Emerging issues in philosophy and psychiatry
- Philosophy of science in psychiatry



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The Self in the Social World
24th—26th September 2026
Call for Abstracts

Location: University Hospital Heidelberg, Section for Phenomenological Psychopathology and Psychotherapy

Keynote Speakers:

Thiemo Breyer, Thomas Fuchs, Hanne de Jaegher, Sanneke de Haan, Peter Henningsen, Sabine Koch, Stefano Micali, Matthew Ratcliffe, Sonja Rinofner-Kreidl, Louis Sass, Giovanni Stanghellini, Michela Summa, Christian Tewes, Dan Zahavi

This conference explores how the self is shaped, experienced, and transformed within the social worlds we inhabit. Human selfhood does not arise in isolation; it unfolds within networks of interpersonal relations, cultural and institutional settings, technological infrastructures, and shifting ecological and political conditions. As these worlds evolve, so too do the experiential dynamics through which individuals make sense of themselves, others, and their place in a shared reality.



We encourage contributions addressing questions such as:

How do individuals and groups participate in shaping the multiple social realities they inhabit?

How are identities established, negotiated, or destabilized within a broad array of social contexts?

In what ways is our sense of self mediated through shared practices, cultural norms, and material or digital environments?

What do experiences of resistance, alienation, belonging, or fragmentation reveal about the social constitution of selfhood?

How do specific changes to social, institutional, or technological environments affect the development, maintenance, or recovery from challenging mental health conditions?

How are opportunities for participation and self-realization distributed, restricted, or contested in contemporary societies?

What forms of meaningfulness and connection or experiences of fulfillment become possible—or impossible under current social conditions?

What are the different levels and types of normativity that underpin and shape our possibilities for self-realization and collective sense-making?

Please send anonymized abstracts of no more than 300 words and suitable for a 30 minutes presentation slots (20 minutes for the talk, 10 minutes for the Q&A) to abstract.for.socialself2026@gmail.com by 28 February 2026.

We will announce the selected presentations by 30 April 2026.

The conference fee is approximately €120. The exact amount will depend on career stage of the successful applicant and be communicated in due course.

**Association for the Advancement of Philosophy and Psychiatry (AAPP)
37th Annual Meeting (Hybrid)**

May 26-27, 2026 (live conference): Keynote speakers Laurence Kirmayer & Jackie Sullivan

May 29-30, 2026 (virtual conference): Keynote speakers Rachel Cooper & Dominic Murphy

AAPP 2026 is co-sponsored by the Center for Values in Medicine, Science, and Technology (CVMST) at the University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, TX, USA.

The 2026 AAPP conference will be jointly run with the CVMST annual conference:
The 14th Values in Medicine, Science, and Technology Conference (VMST-14)

New Perspectives in Philosophy of Psychiatry/ Open Topics

Conference Organizers:

Jonathan Tsou (University of Texas at Dallas)
Robyn Bluhm (Michigan State University)
John Sadler (University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center)
Şerife Tekin (SUNY Upstate Medical University)
Peter Zachar (Auburn University at Montgomery)

Abstract submission is closed. For information about attending the virtual conference write Jon Tsou: jonathan.tsou@utdallas.edu

**EPIC Summer School 2026: Epistemic Justice in Healthcare: Perspectives from
Philosophy, Psychology,
Law, History, Psychiatry, and Lived Experience.**

From July 14th to July 17th, 2026 project [EPIC](#) will host a Summer School at Ce.U.B (Centro Residenziale Universitario di Bertinoro) in Bertinoro, Italy. The event is made possible by generous funding by Wellcome, which will also subsidise the delegates' subsistence costs.

The deadline for applications is 1st February 2026 and the outcome will be made known to applicants by 2nd March 2026.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSciU4R7IjwzH5eyuMB3Uuhk9zb7NfgGmJpB1JRLThVt9k6Y4Q/viewform>

**For Your Future Planning
International Network for Philosophy and Psychiatry
2027 INPP CONFERNECE
Paris, France**

Institut de Philosophie Comparée May or June
Hosted by Bernard Pachoud and Arnaud Plagnol

Birmingham Network for Phenomenology and Mental Health: "Hearing voices, suicidality, and AI-psychosis", 20th March 2026, Birmingham and Online

To view the program:

<https://birminghamphenomenalnetwork.blogspot.com/>

For in person and online attendance, please register here

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=z8oksN7eQUKhXDyX1VPp8-dn0HHNNcRMnvlc7ZmpRKhUN0NaUzVVVkw5SjVYRjZCMIBVVlkzTkgxUS4u&route=shorturl>

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6th Global Summit on Spirituality, Religion, and Mental Health May 14-15, 2026

Joseph B. Martin Conference Center, Boston (MA), USA

Charting the Future of Spirituality, Religion, and Mental Health: Translating Research to Practice.

The 6th Global Summit on Spirituality, Religion & Mental Health will be a centralized opportunity for interdisciplinary and international engagement, discourse, collaboration, and strategy-building to chart the future of the psychology of religion and spirituality. This summit, to be held in lieu of the annual Division 36 Mid-year Conference, is the first collaborative initiative of its kind between the World Psychiatric Association's Section on Religion Spirituality & Psychiatry, and the American Psychological Association's Society for the Psychology of Religion & Spirituality.

Registration information and how to apply to attend as a student fellow at

<https://spiritualitymentalhealth.org/>

Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology

117th Annual Meeting February 26-28, 2026

American Hotel in Atlanta, GA

If interested in commenting or chairing, contact the program chairs.

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Aesthetics in Mental Health
March 4, 2026
St Catherine's College, University of Oxford

Contemporary Western aesthetics embraces aesthetic experience that is participatory, immersive and connective with oneself and through this, with others and the environments we meet them in. Such encounters are central in healthcare practice. This seminar will address why awareness of such aesthetic experience matters in mental health and wellbeing. This daylong seminar will include a range of speakers covering underpinning ideas and aspects of other fields that may be relevant to healthcare care.

The seminar will be hybrid (in person and online) and is organised by the Aesthetics in Mental Health Network of the Collaborating Centre for Values-Based Practice in Health and Social Care, St. Catherine's College, Oxford, and Sigmund Freud University, Vienna.

Registration is free: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/aesthetics-in-mental-health-seminar-tickets-1981316129880>

For questions email the organisers:
Helena Fox, doctorhfox@gmail.com
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10.00-10.10 – Ashok Handa – Welcome and introduction to CCVB and St. Catherine's College

10.10-10.20 – Helena Fox – Introduction to the conference

Chairperson: Martin Poltrum

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10.25-10.55 – Yuriko Saito – The Aesthetics of Care

10.55-11.25 – Anna Bergqvist – The Participatory Turn in Museum Curation as a Model for Person-Centered Clinical Care

Chairperson: Yuriko Saito

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12.15-12.45 – Isis Brook – Engagement with Nature for Mental Well-Being: The Role of Imagination and Aesthetics

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Chairperson: Helena Fox

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14.40-15.10 – Kathleen Lennon – Bodily Aesthetics: Challenging Damaging Imaginaries of the Ageing Body

15.10-15.40 – Shelley Sacks – Making Social Honey: Social Aesthetic Strategies for a Change of Heart

15.40-15.55 Break

Chairpersons: Martin Poltrum, Helena Fox

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16.25-16.55 – Martin Poltrum – Psychotherapy and Film

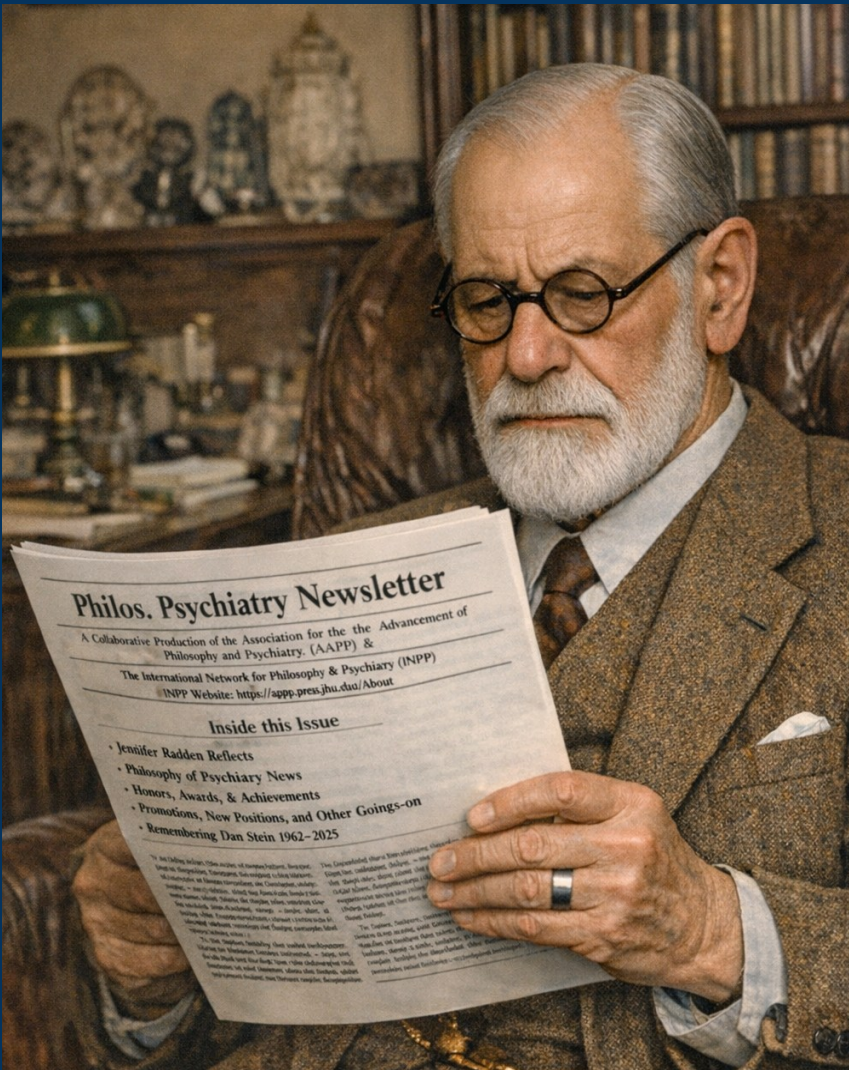
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