

Cities and mental health: interdisciplinary experiments

During the last 15 years a flowering literature has investigated in different disciplines across the social and the life sciences the relations between urban living and mental health. One of the important research foci has been the troubling correlation between city life and schizophrenia. Very recently a series of interdisciplinary research teams have attempted with differing methodologies and in differing urban contexts to better grasp the mechanisms underlying this correlation. First results of these interdisciplinary experiments are now available.

Therefore, the aim of this conference is to bring together these groups and other scholars working on related issues to discuss recent results, new methodologies and forms of interdisciplinary collaboration on the city / psychosis nexus.

Participants are asked to address one or more (but preferably more than one) of the following questions:

- What are the recent findings on the city/psychosis nexus?
- What are the most promising methods for investigating this nexus?
- What are the benefits and problems of interdisciplinary research in this domain?
- How should we more broadly contextualise historically and socially the relation between cities and mental health?
- To what extent is recent research on this question announcing new alliances between the social and the life sciences?

Programme (provisional)

June 12

Conference: Cities and mental health: interdisciplinary experiments

Introductory talk

9.00-10.00 Nikolas Rose (King's College, London) on historical and epistemological aspects of the city/psychosis nexus

New methods and recent research results

10.00-11.00 Mazda Adli (*Charité, Berlin*) on new approaches and interdisciplinarity work in the *Neurourbanistik Forum, Berlin?? (TBC)*

11.00-12.00 Lydia Krabbendam (University of Amsterdam) on urbanicity and psychosis and changes in her approaches

12.00-14.00 *Break and poster session with research by doc and postdoc researchers*

14.00-15.00 Philippe Conus (University of Lausanne) / Ola Söderström (University of Neuchâtel) on results from working with video methodologies and mixed methods

15.00-16.00 Nick Manning / Des Fitzgerald (or somebody else of the King's College group) on results from working in Shanghai / Sao Paulo with measures of cortisol and ethnography

Conclusive talk

16.00-17.00 Hester Parr (University of Glasgow) on living with a diagnosis of psychosis in the city

17.00-17.30 Philippe Conus / Ola Söderström : a synthesis

June 13

Workshop: Interdisciplinary experiments between psychiatry and the social sciences

The idea here is to have a spokesperson for each discipline from 3 teams working on cities and mental health presenting the experience, pleasures, creativity and obstacles of working together (from research design to publication).

9.00-10.00 Berlin team (Humboldt Universität): Martina Klausner, Milena Bister, Patrick Bieler, Jörg Niewöhner, and others

10.00-11.00 'London' team: Jessie Li, Nick Manning, Des Fitzgerald, and others

11.00-12.00 'Lausanne' team: Lilith Abrahamyan Empson, Zoé Codeluppi, Sara Merlino, Lorenza Mondada, Philippe Conus, Dag Söderström, Ola Söderström

Discussants: Hester Parr or Chris Philo and Lydia Krabbendam

12.00-14.00 Break

14.00-16.00 Where further? Collaborations, publications, etc.