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Program Symposium Filosofie en Psychiatrie

Intersubjectivity, urban life and psychosis: a phenomenological approach

Saturday August 31st, 14.00 – 17.00 h

In traditional (phenomenological) psychiatry psychotic experiences are located in the individual. Psychosis is assumed to be first and foremost a matter of an individual's consciousness, psyche or mind-brain, rather than being embedded in larger (sociocultural) structures.

In this workshop, we will examine the place and role of sociocultural factors, especially of urban life. Are migration and city life only triggers to an otherwise self-contained, separate psychotic journey? Do city interactions, and various city values merely supply the themes or 'content' of a psychotic transformation? Or does the breakdown of shared value systems and cohesive social ecologies in globalized cities of the 21st century also trickle down, to be expressed on the individual level? That is, does psychotic form, or phenomenological structure reflect urban-societal form or structure and can they be understood as a response to this?

In short, how do the conference themes of alienation, psychosis and (re)connection relate to each other, on both individual and societal levels? And, how do we adapt current models of psychosis to fully account for this interaction?

These questions will be discussed by four experts who have wide experience both in philosophical and psychiatric analyses of the concept of psychosis, as well as in direct or indirect acquaintance with the lived experience of psychosis.

Moderator: Wouter Kusters

Speakers: Rob Sips, Jasper Feyaerts, Elizabeth Pienkos, Ana Gomez

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