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**Madness in the Anthropocene
or, *Acceptance is bullshit*
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In pre-anthropocenic psychopathology it seemed clear who was mad and who was functioning well in his or her social environment. Now, in the 21st century things have become different. Society and humanity are on a crash course with their natural environment, global warming seems unstoppable, and catastrophic not to say apocalyptic prospects are part of common sense scenarios of the natural sciences.

The general public reacts in various ways, from denialism and escapism, to obsessive behaviour, panic, anxiety, depression, grief and all ways of acting out. What can we expect from mental health workers? What should they do, what should they treat, and who will be the patients, and who will be the doctors? Who will we take care of, who can take care of us?

In this talk I will examine how concepts like trauma, psychosis, depression and anxiety receive new meanings, and I will argue that in our times of climate crisis we can no longer separate the psychic from the social. Instead of treating those with climate anxiety as the problem, I will seek in the inhuman realms that the psychotic mind is dwelling in, parts of the solution, or at least, a way of dealing with catastrophe.

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OF HUMAN RECONNECTION**