



UniversitätsKlinikum Heidelberg

Dear all,

we are delighted to invite you a one-day workshop entitled: The phenomenology of social impairments.

Workshop date and venue:

July 2nd, Clinic for General Psychiatry, Center for Psychosocial Medicine, University Clinic Heidelberg. Voss-Str. 4 D-69115 Heidelberg, Germany.

Organizers:

Valeria Bizzari & Oren Bader, University Clinic Heidelberg.

Workshop scope and objectives:

This workshop aims to discuss phenomenological approaches to disturbances of intersubjectivity in subjects with mental disorders.

Difficulties in social engagements are a key feature of many mental disorders. As Thomas Fuchs (2010) suggests mental illness is always a disturbance of the subject's relation to others. This can occur at different levels of embodiment, inter-corporeality, and inter-affectivity. The close relationship between mental disorders and impaired sociality is reflected from a growing body of research. Ample evidence indicates that these types of pathologies involve deficits of social skills, interactions, and predispositions. These intersubjective abnormalities profoundly influence subjects with mental disorders everyday experiences, reduce their capacity to cooperate with others and prevents them from attaining valuable social affordances.

In our one-day workshop we will address these fundamental issues in the research and treatment of mental disorders from a phenomenological perspective. Phenomenological analyses shed light on crucial features of human sociality, such as empathy, 'we'-relationships, social perception, and motional sharing and help to facilitate systematic exploration of various

subjective and intersubjective experiential anomalies (Sass et al. 2017). By highlighting phenomenological approaches for the study of intersubjective disturbances we aim to encourage a cross-disciplinary dialog on the experiential nature and scope of anomalies in interpersonal engagements in different mental disorders.

Keynote speakers:

Thomas Fuchs (Heidelberg), Joel Krueger (Exeter), Alessandro Salice (Cork), Anna Bortolan (Aberdeen).

Attendance is free of charge, but registration is required! To register, please, write to us valeria.bizzari@libero.it, or oren.bader@med.uni-heidelberg.de.

See you in July!

Valeria & Oren