

'Philosophical Issues in Psychedelic Drug Use'

Thursday 5 – Friday 6 October 2017
Royal College of Psychiatrists, HQ, London

Preliminary Programme

Thursday 5 October

Time	Session
09.30-10.30	Registration and Refreshments
10.30-10.45	Welcome and Introduction John Callender
10.45-11.30	Key Note Session: Title TBC Roland Griffiths
11.30-13.00	Parallel Sessions
	Parallel Session 1: Psychedelics and The Mind-Brain Relationship 1 - Increased amygdala reactivity & symptom improvement after psilocybin treatment for depression - Mr Leor Roseman - Using N, N Dimethyltryptamine to study dynamic transitions of consciousness - Christopher Timmermann
	Parallel Session 2: Psychedelic Epistemology 1 - The Varieties of Psychedelic Epistemology - Chris Letheby - When the sense of reality becomes paradoxical: Double bookkeeping in schizophrenia and psychedelic experience – Martin Fortier
	Parallel Session 3: Therapeutics 1 - Connected in the deep: patients' experiences of psilocybin for treatment-resistant depression – Dr Rosalind Watts - Investigating the effect of ayahuasca on mediating changes in personality using the five-factor model – Dr Simon Ruffell
13.00-14.00	Lunch and Poster Viewing
14.00-15.30	Parallel Sessions
	Parallel Session 4: Psychedelics and The Mind-Brain Relationship 2 - Drug Induced Ego Dissolution (DIED): Neurophysiological Correlates and Philosophical Implications – Mr Raphaël Millière - Psychiatry as science: the theory of brain-sign – Dr Philip Clapson
	Parallel Session 5: Psychedelic Epistemology 2 The Challenge of Psychedelics to the Problem of Illusion – Dr Bernhard Kelley-Patterson

	Is there valid knowledge that can be discovered during altered states of consciousness, as exhibited by the use of psychedelics? – David Charchoglyan
	Parallel Session 6: Neuroscience and Phenomenology 1 - The altered perception of Self: a methodological inquiry – Dr John Gossa - Uncovering the topography of the mind using psychedelics – Dr Jacob Krzanowski
15.30-15.45	Afternoon Refreshments
15.45-.17.15	Parallel Sessions
	Parallel Session 7: Therapeutics 2 - From Cynics to Psychonauts: A Foucauldian Inspired Discourse Analysis – Prof. Gabor Keleman - The Numinous, the Shadow and the Unborn – Dr Tim Read
	Parallel Session 8: Ethics of Psychedelic Drug Use - The epistemic argument against use of psychedelics – Ole Martin Moen - A philosophical approach to the role of therapy in the use of psychedelics – Virginia Ballesteros
	Parallel Session 9: Neuroscience and Phenomenology 2 - Conceptual problems with 'self experience' - Dr Miles Clapham - Philosophical Issues in Psychedelic Drug Use – Dr Kapil Amarasinghe
17.15	Close

Friday 6 October

Time	Session
08.30-09:30	Registration and Refreshments
09.30-10.15	Key Note Session: TBC
10.15-11.45	Parallel Sessions
	Parallel Session 10: Cultural and Historical Contexts 1 - Psychedelic Neuroepistemology and Cognition – Michael Winkelman - Psychotomimetics and Self-Relativisation. Early Philosophical Perspectives on Psychedelics – Ivo Gurschler
	Parallel Session 11: Psychedelics and Enhancement - The Ports of Perception: Human Enhancement Technologies and the Quest for Spiritual Awakening – Dr Toni Pustovrh - Coercion versus concentration: medical student attitudes towards microdosing psychedelic drugs for cognitive enhancement in the clinical workplace – Mr Joseph O'Keeffe

	Parallel Session 12: Psychedelics and Legal Practice 1 • Psychoactive substance use, time perception and the 'pains of imprisonment' – Dr Andrew Shepherd • Exploring medical student attitudes to psychoactive drugs in therapy – Elle Clarke
11.45-12.00	Morning Refreshments
12.00-13.30	Parallel Sessions
	Parallel Session 13: Cultural and Historical Contexts 2 • Hanscarl Leuner: Pioneer of hallucinogen research; challenging mainstream psychopathology – Norbert Andersch • Restrictions on the Use of Psychoactive Drugs - A psychedelic cure; an exploration and analysis on the state's relationship with scientific research – Aleksandra Gracjasz
	Parallel Session 14: Psychedelics and Legal Practice 2 • Obligatory Drug Use – Maura Priest • Psychedelic drugs and the assessment of mental capacity – Dr David Findlay
	Parallel Session 15: Spirituality 1 • Mysticism Naturalised – Ben Springett • The Entheogenic hypothesis: Hype or serious thesis? – Dr Brian Murray
13.30-14.30	Lunch and Poster Viewing
14.30-15.30	Panel Discussion: The Doors of Perception led us nowhere. Hallucinogenic psychoactive substances do not enhance artistic creativity Dr Jonathan Hurlow, Prof. Mathew Kieran, Prof. Matthew Rampley and Prof. Sir Simon Wessely
15.30-17.00	Parallel Sessions
	Parallel Session 16: Film screening and panel discussion: The Science of Psilocybin Mr Robert Barnhart, Michael Alan Schwartz, M.D. For further information on film and obtaining copies go to http://www.anewunderstanding.org/ or email psilocybinscience@gmail.com
	Parallel Session 17: Cultural and Historical Contexts 3 • Ronald Sandison, LSD and the 'Beyond Within': Powick Hospital, 1952-1964 – Dr Mark Gallagher • Making the Invisible Visible: The Unexpected Entanglements of Psychiatry, Midwifery, and Psychedelics – Wendy Kline
	Parallel Session 18: Spirituality 2 • Mind Brain Relationship - Dr Mohan Chawla • The Soul of Shamanism - Michel Weber
17.00-17.15	Concluding Remarks Philosophy SIG Chair
17.15-18.15	Annual General Meeting (AGM)
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