

Beyond the Therapeutic State Collaborative Practices for Individual and Social Change

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Mental health costs are soaring, drug prescriptions skyrocketing, and diagnostic categories continue to convince us that we are mentally ill. It is time to move beyond the therapeutic state!

Most existing alternatives focus on the individual. In contrast, this conference will feature inspiring innovations in collaborative practice. Such practices bring together diverse conceptions of reality, values, and hopes for the future. From the inter-change emerge new forms of life, viable for all.

This conference will feature collaborative practices relevant to therapy and beyond. Discussions will be enriched by practitioners and scholars from many sectors of society. Join the dialogue as we explore new possibilities.

In the end, it is toward a relationally oriented society we must move. And it is toward active participation in changing both practices and policies that the conference is dedicated.

Conference collaborators:

- *The Taos Institute*
- *Taos Institute Europe*
- *Centre for Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Buskerud and Vestfold University College (Norway)*
- *Helsinki Psychotherapy Institute (Finland)*
- *Familjevårdsstiftelsen (Family Care Foundation) (Sweden)*
- *The Family Institute (UK)*

For more information and to register: www.BeyondtheTherapeuticState.org

The Program

Keynote presenters include:



A Relational Recovery from the “Rage to Order” with Kenneth J. Gergen



Rethinking Psychiatric Care: Alternative Programs That Are Models for Reform with Robert Whitaker



The Hearing Voices Network: An Example of a Postpsychiatric Future?
with Olga Runciman



The McDonaldisation of Children’s Mental Health in the Era of Globalization with Sami Timimi



The Extended Therapy Room with Carina Håkansson and guests

With dialogic responses by: *Harlene Anderson, Eugene Epstein, Billy Hardy, Sheila McNamee, Ottar Ness, John Pihlaja, Leticia Rodriguez, and John Shotter.*

Workshop Presenters Include:

- *Pietro Barbetta - Italy*
- *Bob Cottor - US*
- *Margit Epstein - Germany*
- *Eugene Epstein, Lothar Duda, Manfred Wiesner – Germany*
- *Glenda Fredman – UK*
- *Billy Hardy, Mary Morris, Kieran Vivien-Byrne, Jeff Faris – Wales*
- *Ingebjorg Maeland – Norway*
- *Daniel Mackler - US*
- *Cornelia Oestereich - Germany*
- *John Pihlaja - Finland*
- *Kiryiaki Polychrony - Greece*
- *Celia Quintas - Brazil/US*
- *Susie Riva – Switzerland*
- *Leticia Rodriguez - Paraguay*
- *Tom Strong, Monica Sesma, Karen Ross, Tanya Mudry, Emily Doyle, Barbara Pickering - Canada*
- *Rolf Sundet - Norway*
- *Karl Tomm, Sally St. George, Dan Wulff – Canada*
- *Anne-Hedvig Vedeler – Norway*
- *Jim Wilson – UK*

Sponsoring organizations:

- The Athenian Institute of Anthropos, Greece
- BDF 6.0 Bateson, Deleuze, Foucault "seminario permanente a cura di Pietro Barbetta"
- Brief Dialogical Therapy Institute, Nicosia
- Centro Isadora Duncan: cooperativa social e via muratori
- Centro Milanese de Terapia della Famiglia - Italy
- Clanwilliam Institute – Ireland
- Cyprus Society of Family Therapy
- Diakonhjemmet University College; Master program in family therapy and systemic practice
- Episteme – Centro di Psicoterapia Sistemica - Italy
- Gjøvik University College – Norway
- GpG NRW - Gesellschaft für psychische Gesundheit in Nordrhein-Westfalen gemeinnützige GmbH
- Human Systems Journal – Europe
- Institute of Reflexive Practices, Lausanne
- MICS - Marburg Institute for Collaborative Studies - Germany
- Narrativ Group - Czech Republic
- The Norwegian Church Foundation for Public Family Therapy Centres – Norway
- The Norwegian Family Therapy Association – Norway
- Open Dialogue - UK
- Psychosozialer Trägerverein Solingen - Germany
- ROBUST - Norway
- Scuola sistemico-dialogica di Bergamo – Italy
- Society for Descriptive Psychology - US
- SIA Systemisches Institut für Achtsamkeit – Germany
- Western Lapland Health Care district -Finland