



Advanced Study Institute

***Psychiatry for a Small Planet:
Ecosocial Approaches to Global Mental Health***

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Conference

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Montréal, Québec

Psychiatry for a Small Planet: Ecosocial Approaches to Global Mental Health

The view of earth from space provided by the Apollo mission in 1968 offered a new way of thinking about the planet as our shared home—a beautiful blue-green orb floating in space. In recent years, climate change, urbanization, mass migration, and the violence of global geopolitics have created new challenges and a more acute sense of the vulnerability of our planet. This planetary view exists in some tension with the perspective of globalization, which tends to focus on economic growth and development. This international conference and workshop will examine the implications for global mental health of the *anthropocene* in which our context of adaptation is dominated by human effects on the environment. Questions to be discussed will include: What ways of thinking about current global or planetary issues can promote empathy, equity and effective action? Does the notion of “planetaryization” offer an alternative to globalization for thinking about geopolitical and ecological crises? What are the links between care of the planet and care of the self? What cultural values and practices can contribute to adaptation, flourishing and well-being in the face of the massive environmental and social changes that are on the horizon?

Sessions will explore topics including: (1) rethinking the ethics, politics, and governance of the global mental health “from the bottom up” to ensure the voice of diverse communities and stakeholders in addressing global health inequities; (2) the impacts of climate change and urbanization on mental health; and (3) ecosocial approaches to mental health promotion of populations and communities.

These interconnected processes are changing the configuration of social worlds, presenting new challenges to mental health and affording new possibilities for intervention. Presenters will examine the ways that ecosocial and ecosystemic approaches to health and illness can inform policies and practices that contribute to the treatment and prevention of mental disorders and the promotion of mental health and well-being.



Papers presented at the 2016 ASI will appear in a special issue of *Transcultural Psychiatry*
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conference program

All sessions will be held in the auditorium of the
Institute of Community & Family Psychiatry
4333 Côte Ste-Catherine Rd., Montreal, QC

Monday, May 30, 2016, 0900-2100

8:15-9:00 registration

9:00-9:10

Welcome & Introduction: Psychiatry for a Small Planet

Laurence J. Kirmayer

Session 1. Globalization, Inequality and the Politics of Global Mental Health

9:10-9:50

The Trouble with Growth

Peter Victor

York University

9:50-10:30

Economics for the Anthropocene

Peter Brown

McGill University

10:30-11:00 break

11:00-11:30

Money Drives a Wedge in Adolescent Health

Frank Elgar

McGill University

11:30-12:00

Bioethical Implications of Globalization for Global Mental Health

Fernando Lolas Stepke

University of Chile

12:00-12:30

Panel: Political Economy and the Governance of Global Mental Health

12:30-14:00 lunch

Session 2. Urbanization and Climate Change

14:00-14:30

Contemporary Chinese Hyper-urbanization and its Mental Health Consequences

Sandra Hyde

McGill University

14:30-15:00

Mourning Nature: The Mental Health Impacts of Ecological Grief

Ashlee Cunsolo

Cape Breton University

Session 3. Ecosocial Approaches to Mental Health Promotion and Intervention

15:00-15:30

Owning Our Madness: Contributions of Caribbean Psychiatry to Decolonizing Global Mental Health

Frederick Hickling

University of the West Indies

15:30-16:00

Adapting Developmental and Systemic Models for Global Child Mental Health

Jaswant Guzder

McGill University

16:00-16:30

Creating Personal and Socio-environmental Contexts for Enhancing Human Development

Ross White

University of Glasgow

16:30-17:00

Panel: Ecosocial Approaches to Global Mental Health

17:00-17:30 break

17:30-18:30

Launch of the McGill Global Mental Health Program

Award of the Duncan Pedersen Scholarship

18:30-19:30 reception and poster session

Memorial Symposium for Duncan Pedersen

19:30-21:00

Integrating Ethnography and Critical Anthropology in Global Mental Health

Gilles Bibeau, Nicole D'souza, Hanna Kienzler, Michel Tousignant

Register for the 2016 ASI online (<http://www.mcgill.ca/tcpsych/training/advanced/2016>), or complete this form and mail with your cheque for \$100.00 (\$25.00 for full-time students) payable to **McGill University**:

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