**Cities and mental health: Interdisciplinary experiments**

During the last 15 years, a flowering literature has investigated in different disciplines across the social and the life sciences the relations between urban living and mental health. One of the important research foci has been the troubling correlation between city life and schizophrenia. Very recently, a series of interdisciplinary research teams have attempted with differing methodologies and in differing urban contexts to better grasp the mechanisms underlying this correlation. First results of these interdisciplinary experiments are now available.

Therefore, the aim of this conference is to bring together these groups and other scholars working on related issues to discuss recent results, new methodologies and forms of interdisciplinary collaboration on the city / psychosis nexus.

Speakers will address the following questions :

* What are the recent findings on the city/psychosis nexus ?
* What are the most promising methods for investigating this nexus ?
* What are the benefits and problems of interdisciplinary research in this domain ?
* How should we more broadly contextualize historically and socially the relation between cities and mental health ?
* To what extent is recent research on this question announcing new alliances between the social and the life sciences ?

On **June 12 2018 a symposium** will be held, composed of scientific presentations from various international researchers in the domain. There will be a poster session during lunch time. A maximum of 100 seats are available.

On **June 13 2018 a workshop** (in principle for a maximum of 30 people) is organised on the present and future of interdisciplinary collaborations between psychiatry and the social sciences.

**Programme:**

**June 12 – Conference**

9.00-9.15 :           **Philippe Conus** (CHUV, Lausanne) **and Ola Söderström** (University of Neuchâtel)

*Introduction*

9.15-10.15 :        **Nikolas Rose** (King’s College, London)

*The Urban Brain ? Conceptualising the ‘neurosocial city’*

10.15 -11.15 :     **Mazda Adli** (Charité, Berlin)

*Stress and the City : why cities drive us mad and why they're still good for us*

11.15-11.30 :      Coffee break

11.30-12.30 :      **Lydia Krabbendam** (University of Amsterdam)

*Urban upbringing and psychosis : insights from epidemiology and neuroimaging*

12.30-14.00 :      Lunch break and poster session with research by doc and postdoc researchers

14.00-15.00 :      **Philippe Conus** (CHUV, Lausanne) **and Ola Söderström** (University of Neuchâtel)

*Stress and ways of dealing with it in Lausanne*

15.00-16.00 :      **Jessie Li, Lisa Richaud** (King’s College, London), **Ash Amin** (University of Cambridge)   
**and** **Des Fitzgerald** (University of Cardiff)

*Looking for stress in Shanghai and Sao Paolo : how migrants experience the city*

16.00-17.00 :      **Hester Parr** (University of Glasgow)

*Encountering madness/illness in the city : changing geographical perspectives*

17.00-17.30 :      **Philippe Conus** (CHUV, Lausanne) **and Ola Söderström** (University of Neuchâtel)

*Concluding comments*

**June 13 – Workshop**

9.00-9.15 :           **Philippe Conus** (CHUV, Lausanne) **and Ola Söderström** (University of Neuchâtel)

*Introduction*

9.15-10.15 :        **Martina Klausner, Milena Bister, Patrick Bieler and Jörg Niewöhner** (Humboldt University, Berlin)

*Ethnographic and para-ethnographic knowledges*

10.15-11.15 :      **Jessie Li, Lisa Richaud, Nick Manning** (King’s College, London) **and Des Fitzgerald** (University of Cardiff)

*Cortisol, ethnography and epidemiology - how can we bring these together ?*

11.15-11.30 :Coffee break

11.30-12.30 :      **Lilith Abrahamyan Empson, Zoé Codeluppi, Sara Merlino, Lorenza Mondada,   
Philippe Conus, Dag Söderström and Ola Söderström** (Universities of Basel, Lausanne and Neuchâtel)

*From the clinic to video-recorded go-alongs : connecting milieus*

12.30-14.00 :      Lunch Break

14.00-14.30 :      Discussion of the morning presentations: **Chris Philo** (University of Glasgow) **and   
Lydia Krabbendam** (University of Amsterdam)

14.30-15.30 :      *Where further ?*

**Venues**

* 12th of June 2018 : Auditoire Jequier Doge, 44 rue du Bugnon, Lausanne ([access map](https://www.cibm.ch/files/content/sites/cibm/files/Plan-PMU.pdf))
* 13th of June 2018 : Salle Bovet, 18 place Chauderon, Lausanne ([access map](http://redirectwww.chuv.ch/getnews-attach?url=content-20.02.2018_09_48-2.pdf))

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**Registration**

* Deadline for registration: 31st of May 2018
* Link to the registration webpage : [Registration](https://www.inscription-facile.com/form/FM45x2b2OQqpYh6DXhcR)