

Workshop

“Loss of Trust Between Detachment and Dissociation: Phenomenology, Social Adversity, and Psychopathology”

Dates: October 23-October 24, 2025

Venue: Karl Jaspers Library of the Center for Psychosocial Medicine, Department of General Psychiatry, Building 1, Top Floor, Voßstraße 4, 69115 Heidelberg

Organization: Daniel Vespermann, Philipp Schmidt-Boddy, Thomas Fuchs

Participation is free of charge, but due to limited space, **please register with:**

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Thursday, October 23:

9.00-9.30: Welcome, coffee, and snacks

9.30-9.45: Opening words

Section 1: Collapsing trust and (self-)doubt in illness experiences

9.45-10.30: **Nina Thielen (Heidelberg):** “Cancer diagnosis and the collapse of trust: A phenomenological perspective”

10.35-11.20: **Paula Muhr (Hamburg/Zurich/Berlin):** “Dissociative seizures and hermeneutical injustice: Patients’ loss of trust in others and self-doubt”

Coffee break: 11.20-11.45

11.45-12.45: **Havi Carel (Bristol):** “Radical bodily doubt” (ONLINE)

Lunch (on site): 12.45-14.00

Section 2: (Loss of) trust in the wider social environment

14.00-14.45: **Daniel Vespermann (Heidelberg):** “Spaces of defeat: A situated perspective on perseverative thinking”

14.50-15.35: **Felipe León (Lisbon):** „Jointly attending to a familiar world: the roles of trust, affectivity, and communication”

Coffee break: 15.35-16.00

16.00-17.00: **Chloe Campbell (London):** Epistemic trust and the Internal Working Model of Community: How early experiences and the wider social environment interact in generating vulnerability

19:00: Workshop dinner for speakers

Friday, October 24:

9.00-9.30: Coffee and snacks

Section 3: Losing trust between felt isolation and phenomena of intrusion

9.30-10.15: **Philipp Schmidt-Boddy (Heidelberg)**: “Affective mercy, (mis)trust, and emotional abilities: Insights from vulnerable narcissism”

10.20-11.05: **Robert Davies (York) & Flavio Williges (Santa Maria)**: “Loneliness, memory, and trauma”

Coffee break: 11.05-11.30

11.30-12.30: **Ditte Marie Munch-Juriscic (Copenhagen/University of Virginia)**: “Towards a relational model of moral injury”

Lunch (on site): 12.30-13.45

13.45-14.30: **Molly Kelly (Rhode Island School of Design)**: “A phenomenology of gaslighting: Husserl, noematic negation, and a [weaponized] sphere of ownness”

Section 4: Social factors of psychotic experiences

14.35-15.20: **Eleanor Byrne (Nottingham) & Jae Ryeong Sul (Bristol)**: “Existential in-between: (Un)familiarity, racism and second-generation migrant psychosis”

Coffee break: 15.20-15.50

15.50-16.35: **Kasper Møller Nielsen (Copenhagen)**: “Double bookkeeping, multiple realities, and social kindling”

16.35-16.45: Closing of the workshop

From 16.45: Informal get-together, optional drinks, and goodbyes

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