



– Institute's Colloquium –

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Challenges to create synergy between global mental health and cultural psychiatry

This lecture addresses some major challenges to create synergy between the global mental health movement, cultural psychiatry and anthropology.

The first challenge is that the worlds of global mental health and cultural psychiatry are from distinct descent. Yet, they appear to share domains of mutual interests and expanding their horizons by learning from adjacent disciplines could be mutually beneficial. A second challenge for the global mental health movement, cultural psychiatry and anthropology is the conceptualization of a new classification system. A classification system integrating new insights from socio-neurobiology and from a networks perspective could bring cultural psychiatry, anthropology and global mental health closer. It could change the way of addressing the mental health gap, the third challenge. I summarize attempts to achieve comprehensive mental health coverage around the globe and pose the question whether the strategy to achieve these goals is successful, both in high- (HIC) and low- and middle-income countries (LMIC). In LMIC, this strategy needs to be complemented by mobilizing other community resources including local practitioners and healers.

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Everybody is welcome!