

The Relation between Trauma, Dissociation and Psychosis: Is there Evidence for a Posttraumatic or Dissociative Psychotic Disorder?

Over the past 10-15 years, there has been considerable research demonstrating links between traumatic experiences and psychotic symptoms, along with evidence that dissociation mediates between childhood trauma and auditory hallucinations. At the same time, psychotherapeutic approaches to psychotic disorders have been increasingly embraced. What is missing so far is a concerted effort to determine whether certain forms of psychotic disorder are more strongly linked to trauma and dissociation, and perhaps benefit more from therapeutic approaches developed in those fields. This one-day conference will seek to investigate these issues, with the goal of stimulating research to address these questions.

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Center for Sundhed og Samfund, Øster Farimagsgade 5, room 15.3.01

Free admission but limited seating. (Coffee included but not lunch).
Please email Andrew Moskowitz at Andrew@psy.au.dk to register.

Chair: Bent Rosenbaum

Schedule (Coffee breaks at 11.15 & 14.30)

10.00 – 10.15: *Introduction and welcome* (B Rosenbaum and A Moskowitz)

10.15 – 11.15: *The history of posttraumatic psychosis diagnoses, along with a discussion of the concepts of trauma and dissociation* (A Moskowitz, B Rosenbaum & P Lichtenberg)

11.30 – 12.15: *Research – Childhood adversity and psychosis, and the validity of a trauma-based or dissociative psychotic disorder* (A M Trauelsen and A Moskowitz)

12.15 – 13.00: Lunch (available on site)

13.00 – 13.45: *The assessment of dissociation and dissociative disorders* (A M Ravn and A Moskowitz)

13.45 – 14.30: *Hypnotizability, neurocognition and neurophysiology in the differential diagnosis of psychotic disorders* (O Meiron and P Lichtenberg)

14.45 – 15.30: *The psychological treatment of schizophrenia-spectrum disorders and posttraumatic/dissociative psychosis* (M Arendt, B Rosenbaum & P Lichtenberg)

15.30 – 16.00: *Final discussion and summing up* (All presenters)

Presenters:

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