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# PRIN PNRR 2022 FINAL CONFERENCE

## Metaphor and Epistemic Injustice in Mental Illness



22 - 24 October 2025

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University of Cagliari  
Department of Education, Psychology, Philosophy  
Campus Sa Duchessa, Aula Magna (Lecture Hall) Motzo - Via Is Mirrionis 1

# 21 October 2025

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Campus Sa Duchessa, Classroom 9 and online

## 17.15 - 19.00 Pre-Conference

Paolo BABBOTTI (University of Turin): *Richard Wollheim (1923–2003): Bringing Aesthetics, Ethics, and Psychoanalysis Together*

# 22 October 2025

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Campus Sa Duchessa, Aula Magna (Lecture Hall) Motzo

## 08.45 - 09.00 Institutional welcome address

Elisabetta Gola (Head of Department of Education, Psychology, Philosophy and Vice Rector in charge of public relations), Opening remarks: Francesca Ervas (Scientific Coordinator PRIN PNRR Project), Donatella Petretto (Rector's delegate in charge of social integration and disabled people's rights, Associate Professor), Oriana Mosca (Assistant Professor in Social Psychology, Project representative for "*Diritto a stare bene*")

## 09.00 - 10.15 Keynote speaker

chair Roberta Fadda (Univ. Cagliari)

**Valentina BAMBINI** (IUSS, Pavia): *The two faces of concretism: metaphor impairment and metaphor production in psychosis*

## 10.15 - 10.50 Coffee break

## 10.50 - 13.30 First Session

chair Sara Congiu (Univ. Cagliari)

10.50 - Martina MONTALTI, Valentina CUCCIO (University of Messina): *The Concrete Mind in Schizophrenia: A Systematic Review on Concretism in Metaphors Comprehension*

11.30 - Biagio SCALINGI<sup>1</sup>, Chiara BARATTIERI DI SAN PIETRO<sup>1</sup>, Ginevra MARTINELLI<sup>1</sup>, Alessia TAVARS<sup>1</sup>, Cecilia SPALLAROSSA<sup>2</sup>, Matteo ROCCHETTI<sup>2</sup>, Cristiano NICHINI<sup>2</sup>, Valentina BAMBINI<sup>1</sup> (<sup>1</sup>IUSS, Pavia; <sup>2</sup>ASST, Pavia): *"Like an Empty Vase in My Hands": Exploring Delusional Experience Through Standardized Scales and Multilayered Linguistic Analysis*

12.10 - Francesco BUBBICO, Basak BAYRAM, Andrea ZACCARO, Maria Rosaria PASCIUCCO, Mauro Gianni PERRUCCI, Marcello COSTANTINI, Francesca FERRI (University of Chieti): *Differences in Sensorimotor and Respiratory Synchronization between Individuals with High and Low Schizotypy: Effects of Social Bias and Stimulus Predictability*

12.50 – Alice GUERRIERI, Lina Maria LISSIA, Lucienne HUBY, Oriana MOSCA, Francesca ERVAS (University of Cagliari): *Metaphor and Epistemic Injustice in Schizophrenia: An experimental study*

**13.30 – 14.30 Lunch**

**14.30 – 15.20 Extra Talk**

chair Mariangela Albano (Univ. Cagliari)

**Mark TURNER** (Case Western Reserve University): *The Uncoordinated Mind: Blends We Live By*

**15.20–16.35 Keynote speaker**

chair Elisabetta Gola (Univ. Cagliari)

**Giulia FREZZA** (Imperial College, London): *Between Physis and Practice: Metaphor and Dementia Communication* [Online talk]

**16.35 – 17.00 Coffee Break**

**17.00 – 19.00 Second Session**

chair Federica Ferrari (Univ. Bologna)

17.00 – Flaminia CAROCCI (Sapienza University of Rome): *Flesh-and-blood metaphors: The case of body-language relationship in schizophrenia*

17.40 – Valeria MELIS (University of Genoa, University of Cagliari): *Metaphor, Madness, and Meaning: Epistemic Strategies in Ancient Greek Lexica and Scholia*

18.20 – Maria Adele LIMONGELLI (University of Catania): *From Marginalisation to Recognition: Deaf Perspectives on Mental Health*

## **23 October 2025**

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**09.30 – 10.55 Keynote speaker**

chair Elisabetta Lalumera (Univ. Bologna)

**Lisa BORTOLOTTI** (University of Birmingham, University of Ferrara): *Epistemic injustice as the obstruction of expertise performance*

**10.55 – 11.30 Coffee Break**

### **11.30 – 13.30 Third Session**

chair Oriana Mosca (Univ. Cagliari)

**11.30** – Luigi LOBACCARO (University of Bologna): *Narrating the Abyss: Stories, Experiences, and Narrativity in Schizophrenia*

**12.10** – Kathleen MURPHY-HOLLIES (University of Birmingham): *Giving Uptake to Metaphorical Meaning of Delusions*

**12.50** – Saulutė JUZELENIENE, Skirmantė ŠARKAUSKIENE (Vilnius University): *Reflections and Disguises: Metaphorical Constructions of Narcissism in the Digital Sphere*

### **13.30 – 15.00 Lunch**

#### **15.00 – 16.15 Keynote Speaker**

chair Valentina Cuccio (Univ. Messina)

**Shaun GALLAGHER** (University of Memphis, University of Wollongong): *Hermeneutic injustice in therapeutic contexts*

### **16.15 – 16.50 Coffee Break**

#### **16.50 – 18.50 Fourth Session**

chair Filippo Contesi (Univ. Cagliari)

**16.50** – Giovanni PENNISI (University of Turin): *Avatar Therapy and Uncanny: A Path Toward Epistemic Repair*

**17.30** – Loredana DI ADAMO (Sapienza University of Rome): *Temporality and semantics of the vulnerable life-world. For a phenomenological understanding of lived experience*

**18.10** – Paolo BABBIOTTI (University of Turin): *Position and Internal Objects: The Use of Kleinian Metaphors in Richard Wollheim*

### **20.30 Social Dinner**

La locanda dei Buoni e dei Cattivi, Via Vittorio Veneto 96, Cagliari

# 24 October 2025

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Campus Sa Duchessa, Aula Magna (Lecture Hall) Motzo

**09.00 – 10.15 Keynote Speaker**

chair Laura Francesca Scalas (Univ. Cagliari)

**Francesca FERRI** (University of Chieti): *Different Embodiment: Multisensory Processing and Bodily Self in Schizophrenia*

**10.15 – 10.50 Coffee Break**

**10.50 – 13.30 Fifth Session**

chair Francesco Bubbico (Univ. Chieti)

**10.50** – Lina Maria LISSIA, Alice GUERRIERI, Oriana MOSCA, Francesca ERVAS (University of Cagliari): *Avoidance and Interpretation of Interoceptive and Exteroceptive Idioms in Mental Health Contexts*

**11.30** – Beatrice SOMÀ (University of Turin): *Neuroqueer Epistemic Justice. Gender and queerness as dimensions of epistemic injustice in mental health settings*

**12.10** – Anna PEDERNESCHI (University of California Irvine): *“Women are crazy”: The use of essentializing generics in the Premenstrual Dysphoric Disorder diagnostic tool*

**12.50** – Pravajya PANDEY (University of Delhi): *The Feminist Epistemology of ADHD: Unmasking Women’s Experiences and Knowledge* [Online talk]

**13.30 – 13.40 Conclusion**

## Further Information

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