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LAST SECTION COMMITTEE ELECTIONS HELD:

Date: 2024-12-09

Venue: Elections procedures undertaken by digital tools

ACTIVITIES OF THE SECTION IN 2025:

Other Section activities

Description:

During 2025, the Psychopathology Section of the EPA maintained its core commitment to the study of



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psychopathology, with continuity in education, research, and scholarly exchange, alongside a set of focused events and collaborations. Members sustained regular scientific output, with several papers released during the year, and kept an active presence across European and national meetings, symposia, and teaching initiatives.

Education and training remained a central pillar. The Section supported and co hosted, in partnership with national scientific societies and academic units, the 3rd SPPSM Conference on Philosophy and Psychiatry, with a specific focus on phenomenology, from Jaspers to contemporaneity, held in hybrid format in Lisbon on 26 and 27 June 2025, with the Section explicitly listed as an institutional partner. Section members contributed as speakers and moderators, including content on atmospheres and the role of environment in human phenomena, and engagement with international faculty across phenomenology, psychopathology, and psychotherapy.

The Section also contributed to broader interdisciplinary postgraduate education through the four day intensive course, The Ethics, Aesthetics and Politics of the Body in Contemporary Society, held 15 to 18 May 2025 across academic and cultural sites in Lisbon, including Centro Académico de Medicina de Lisboa, Gulbenkian Museum, and MAAT. Coordinated by Prof. Luís Madeira, the programme combined theoretical sessions with close reading, walking forums, workshops, and performance related activities, bringing together psychiatry, philosophy, anthropology, dance, museum education, and social aesthetics. This initiative strengthened the Section's visibility in applied phenomenology and embodied approaches, while also consolidating bridges with cultural institutions.

Scholarly exchange was further supported through conferences centred on contemporary forms of suffering. In December 2025, the meeting Psychopathology of Absence and Loneliness took place in Lisbon, bringing together leading voices to address solitude, isolation, intersubjectivity, and the collapse of relational bonds, including presentations by Femi Oyebode, Michael Musalek, Guenda Bernegger, Gilberto Di Petta and Martina Billeci, Luís Madeira with Maria Luísa Figueira, and Raffaele Vanacore. The programme reinforced the Section's emphasis on lived experience, narrative, and the psychopathology of relational disruption in late modern contexts.

In parallel, the recurring educational activity Essentials of Phenomenological Psychopathology continued with consistent participation, and members contributed to additional training activities, including summer school formats at national level. The Section's annual meeting, held in Naples with the theme Nature and Narratives of Impulse Control, provided a focused forum on the psychopathology of violence, anger, and dysphoria, with key talks including Basic Emotions, The Architecture of Anger, Phenomenology of Aggressive Emotions, From Anger to Resentment and Revenge, and Invisible Violence, The Disappearance of the Interhuman Dimension. Across the year, a small number of podcasts and public discussions complemented academic activities, while the Section's main efforts remained oriented toward rigorous clinical and theoretical work.

Event Start date: 01/01/2025

Event End date: 31/12/2025

FUTURE ACTIVITIES:



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