



Danish National Research Foundation:  
**Center for Subjectivity Research**

Conference/PhD course  
Philosophical issues in psychiatry:  
Natural kinds, mental taxonomy and causation  
Copenhagen May 25-26, 2006

**Thursday, May 25**

**Location:** Lecture Hall H06, University of Copenhagen, Main Building, Frue Plads, Copenhagen K

- 09.00-09.40 **Josef Parnas** (CFS, University of Copenhagen) and **Kenneth Kendler** (Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, USA): **Welcome and Introduction. Theoretical and pragmatic challenges of today's psychiatry**
- 09.40-11.00 **James F. Woodward** (California Institute of Technology, USA): **Mental Causation and neural Mechanisms**
- 11.00-11.20 *Coffee break*
- 11.20-12.30 **Shaun Gallagher** (University of Central Florida, USA): **A proposal for mental causation**
- 12.30-13.50 *Lunch Break*
- 13.50-15.10 **Peter Zachar** (Auburn University, Montgomery, USA): **Psychiatric disorders can be 'real kinds' but psychiatry cannot discover a true taxonomy of mental disorders: An analogy from biological systematics**
- 15.10-15.40 *Coffee break*
- 15.40-17.00 **Kenneth Schaffner** (George Washington University, USA): **Etiological Models in Psychiatry: Reductive and Non-reductive Approaches**

**Friday, May 26**

**Location:** Alexander Hall, Bispetorvet 1-3, Copenhagen K

- 09.00-10.25 **John Campbell** (University of California, Berkeley, USA): **TBA**
- 10.25-10.45 *Coffee break*
- 10.45-12.05 **Sandra D. Mitchell** (University of Pittsburgh, USA): **Explanatory pluralism: explaining complex behaviour**
- 12.05-13.25 *Lunch break*
- 13.25-14.45 **Dominic Murphy** (California Institute of Technology, USA): **Levels of explanation in psychiatry**
- 14.45-15.05 *Coffee break*
- 15.05-16.25 **Jean Petitot** (School for Advanced Studies in Social Sciences (EHESS) and Ecole Polytechnique CREA, France): **Visual hallucinations: Entoptic physicalist emergentism**
- 16.25-17.00 **Kenneth Kendler: Closing comments**

*Each lecture includes an invited response and general discussion.*

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