One-Day Conference

Globalisation, Culture & Psychology

19th September 2012
Charles Wilson Building
University of Leicester

What is globalisation? What does it mean for psychologists?

This conference will provide a unique opportunity in bringing together speakers from Cuba, India, Ethiopia and the USA. We will exchange experiences of psychological work from around the globe and consider the impact of globalisation on both our theories and practices. We will also address the question of the extent to which there is a universal psychology applicable across cultures and national boundaries, and the extent to which psychology is an inextricable part of indigenous culture.

Globalization is the process whereby cultures from around the world influence one another and become more alike through trade, immigration, and the exchange of information and ideas. It has existed for centuries, but in recent decades the degree and intensity of global connections have accelerated dramatically due to advances in telecommunications and an increase in economic and financial interdependence. Globalisation is, however, not simply a mechanical or economic process but also a psychological one, potentially involving a broadening of consciousness and a greater sensitivity to other people and to other cultures.

One observable effect of globalisation is the gradual and ubiquitous influence of Western ideas and practices on the rest of the world. In the field of mental health this is evident in the way people across the world are starting to use Western concepts to understand mental health and illness. Modern clinical psychology, which developed in Europe and North America, has also been part of this process, with models and practices transported to and adopted by countries across the globe. It seems important to respond by developing psychological understanding of globalisation so we can build upon what is helpful in the process and take a critical stance towards what is less helpful.

For more information:

https://swww2.le.ac.uk/departments/psychology/news/glob/
Programme

9.30  Registration/ coffee

10.00 Introduction/Welcome  
      Professor Douglas Tallack

10.15  What is Globalisation?  
       Dr Steve Melluish

10.30  The Globalisation of Psychiatry: the marketing of psychiatric diagnosis  
       Professor Suman Fernando

11.15  Coffee

11.30  Health pluralism a way forward  
       Professor Rachel Tribe and Dilanthi Weerasinghe

12.30  Lunch

1.30  Parallel sessions

1.30  Parallel Session – Psychology in India  
       Chair Dr Arabella Kurtz  
       Presenters Dr Nathan, Dr Malika Verma, Prof. S. Karunanidhi  
       Discussants Professor Mike Wang, Dr Andrew Beck

1.30  Parallel Session – Psychology in Ethiopia  
       Chair Dr Jon Crossley  
       Presenters Dr Yemataw Wondie, Dr Nic Bunker  
       Discussants Dr Sue Kellett, Gobinder Uppal

2.45  Tea

3.00  Parallel Session – Psychology in Cuba  
       Chair Dr Steve Melluish  
       Presenters Dr Jorje Ruiz Diego, Dr Clara Roig Hechavarria  
       Discussants Dr Maria Castro, Bob Diamond

3.00  Parallel Session – Psychology in North America  
       Chair t.b.c  
       Presenters Professor Harriet Cobb  
       Discussants Dr Noelle Robertson, Dr Marilyn Christie

4.15  Plenary

4.45  Close
Conference Registration

Registration fees
• Salaried/Waged  £30
• Trainee  £10
• Student/ unwaged  free

To register for the conferences please send your name, address, email and contact details in an envelope marked ‘Globalisation, Culture and Psychology’ to:

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Please enclose a cheque payable to ‘The University of Leicester’. This will cover registration, buffet lunches, refreshments.

Venue/Location

Conference venue

Garandon Suite
Charles Wilson Building
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Speakers

Morning session

Professor Suman Fernando, University of Kent, UK
Suman Fernando was a consultant psychiatrist in Enfield (Middlesex) for over twenty years until mid-1993. He served on the Mental Health Act Commission for nine years until 1995 where he chaired its National Standing Committee on Race and Culture. He has lectured and written widely on issues of ‘race’, racism and culture in the mental health field in both UK and Canada. He is involved in voluntary (non-governmental) organisations serving black and minority ethnic communities in London. Latterly he has been involved in advising on policy and practice in Sri Lanka. He is a vice-patron of a non-governmental community organisation providing mental health & social care in Sri Lanka.

Professor Rachel Tribe, University of East London, UK
Rachel Tribe is active in national and international consultancy and training work with a range of organisations: these have included the Department of Health (DH), Department of Children, Schools and Families (DCSF), and the National Institute for Mental Health (NIMHE). She has also worked with the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Harp Archive for Refugee Portal (HARP), the Royal College of Psychiatrists and has undertaken training on behalf of the British Psychological Society, the Department of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Sri Lanka, Amnesty International, British Council, MSF, Red Cross, Save the Children Fund, and the Singapore Psychological Society, among others. She is also vice chair of the UK:Sri Lanka trauma group. Her clinical interests focus on all aspects of trauma, culture and mental health, professional and ethical practice, working with interpreters in mental health, migration and mental health and organisational development.

Dilanthi Weerasinge, London Borough of Waltham Forest
Dilanthi Weerasinge is a Senior Educational Psychologist with the Children and Young People Services Team at London Borough of Waltham Forest, UK 2. Her specialisms and areas of expertise include - Child and developmental psychology with specialisms in childhood disability, Early Years and child mental health; bring a social constructivist/community psychology approach (as opposed to a medical model) to the UKSL trauma group of which she is a key Executive Committee member and has a variety of experience having worked with schools, community groups and parents/carers. Dilanthi who is a qualified chartered Child Psychologist with over 16 years of experience has successfully managed assessment and interventions for children (0-19 years) with disabilities and special needs and has also developed teaching and curriculum resources for teachers in the areas of children's social and emotional wellbeing; parent workshops; and working with community and voluntary groups.

Afternoon session

Speakers for round table – Psychology in India

Dr. B.S. Virudhagirinathan, Chennai, India
Dr Nathan is a visiting consultant clinical neuropsychologist in the CHILDS Trust hospital in and Director of the CARE Institute of Behavioural Sciences, Chennai. Dr Nathan gained his India PhD and was the first to be awarded the D.Sc in Neuropsychology in India. Prior to his current position he was Assistant Professor cum Clinical Neuropsychology, Institute of Neurology, Govt. General Hospital & Madras Medical College. (1980-2006). He is also Member Editorial board of the Journal of Social Care and Neurodisability, UK ; Professional member International Neuropsychological Society, USA, since 1992 and Fellow of the Madras Medical College 2006.

Prof.S.Karunanidhi, Head of the Department of Psychology, University of Madras, Chennai, India

Dr Malika Verma, Tavistock Institute, London UK
Malika Verma is a Clinical Psychologist in Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy at the Tavistock and Portman NHS Trust. She trained as a Clinical Psychologist at the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS), Bangalore, India. She has been working in the NHS as a clinical psychologist since 2002.

Dr Andrew Beck, Manchester, UK
Andrew Beck is Consultant Clinical Psychologist in Manchester CAMHS, honorary lecturer and module lead at the Manchester Clinical Psychology Doctoral training programme and senior lecturer on the Salford Cognitive Therapy training centre IAPT programme. He has written a number of papers on evaluating and developing psychological therapies for Black and Minority Ethnic populations in the UK and is working with the CARE Institute of Behaviour Science to develop India's first CBT training programme. He is currently visiting India twice per year to deliver training in CBT and has 2 papers in press evaluating this programme.

Professor Mike Wang, University of Leicester, UK
Michael Wang is Professor of Clinical Psychology at the University of Leicester and Clinical Course Director. He is of mixed heritage, has a longstanding commitment to cultural competence issues and has prompted an active cultural competence agenda on the Course, of which both this conference and our connections with Chennai are a part. He is a former Chair of the Division of Clinical Psychology of the BPS, Fellow of the BPS, Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine and Honorary Fellow of Madras Medical School.

Speakers for round table – Psychology in Ethiopia

Dr Jon Crossley
Jon Crossley is a clinical psychologist and family therapist, working part time in the Leicester Early Intervention in Psychosis Service (PIER team) and part time on the Leicester Clinical Psychology Training Programme. He is interested in developing clinical practice and research that pays particular attention to context and facilitates alternative ways of conceptualising psychosis.

Dr Yemataw Wondie Yehualashet, University of Gondar, Ethiopia
Yemataw is currently working as an Assistant Professor of Psychology at the Department of Psychology, University of Gondar and is the General Director for the Teaching-Learning Core Process of the University. He received his PhD from the University of Leipzig, Germany, and his MA and BA
degrees from the Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia. His PhD dissertation, titled "Characterizing the Psychosocial Effects of Child Sexual Abuse in Ethiopia: Implications for Prevention and Intervention" was nominated for the Belgian Development Cooperation Prize 2012. Yemataw has initiated and launched the pioneering masters program in Clinical Psychology in the University of Gondar, which is the first of its kind in Ethiopia. He also organized the first international conference on mental health in Ethiopia conducted from 8 to 10 October 2011. He has a number of publications in the area of child sexual abuse and PTSD.

Dr Nic Bunker, Leicester Partnership NHS Trust, UK
Nic has worked for the past ten years in Leicester as a Clinical Psychologist. Specialising in Adult Mental Health, he has undertaken post-doctoral training in family therapy. Nic started his NHS career as a nurse and is registered in learning disabilities, mental health and general nursing. He has overseas mental health work experience in Romania and Ethiopia.

Dr Sue Kellett, Leicester Partnership NHS Trust, UK
Sue is a Clinical Psychologist with the Leicester City Alcohol & Drug Service. Having trained originally as both a General and Psychiatric Nurse, she later undertook a degree in Human Psychology, followed by a PHD studying ‘joyriding’ as a potentially addictive behaviour. Since qualifying as a Clinical Psychologist in 2002 Sue has worked in the field of substance misuse in Leicester. Sue has travelled to Gondar, Ethiopia on two occasions to assist with providing teaching to trainee mental health nurses.

Gobinder Uppal, University of Leicester
Gobinder Uppal is a trainee clinical psychologist in her final year of training on the clinical psychology course at the University of Leicester. During her training she undertook a placement in Gondar, Ethiopia and was involved in delivering teaching to trainee mental health nurses.

Speakers for round table – Psychology in Cuba

Dr Clara Roig Hechavarria, Holguin, Cuba
Clara Roig is clinical and health psychologist who has worked for many years in the famous Cuban polyclinics and more recently has worked with older adult services. She also is involved in the integration of what is termed ‘natural’ medicine into Cuban health practice.

Dr Jorje Ruiz Diego, Holguin, Cuba
Jorje Ruiz Dieg is clinical and health psychologist who is an expert in the field of addictions. He currently works in a service offering treatment programmes to foreign addicts in Holguin, Cuba.

Dr Maria Castro, University of East London, UK
Maria Castro is Senior Lecturer and Academic Tutor for the Professional Doctorate in Clinical Psychology at the University of East London. Previously, she was an NHS Clinical Psychologist in Older People's Services. Maria's core interests are in creative and collaborative praxis, particularly with people and communities largely marginalized; and in teaching, learning and researching as dialogical processes.
Bob Diamond, Nottingham UK
Bob Diamond is a Clinical Psychologist with particular interest in applying the values and practices of critical, community psychology to working with people experiencing enduring mental health difficulties.

Speakers for round table – Psychology in North America

Professor Harriett Cobb, James Madison University, USA
Harriett Cobb is a Professor in the Combined-Integrated Doctoral Program in Clinical/School Psychology at James Madison University. Her interests are in child and adult psychotherapy, leadership/supervision, primary care behavioural health, and intergroup dialogue methods to enhance inclusiveness in diverse settings. She promotes additional roles for psychologists, such as consultation to schools and other organizations and engagement in alternative dispute resolution processes.

Dr Noelle Robertson, University of Leicester, UK
Noelle is Senior Lecturer on the Doctoral Clinical Psychology programme at the University of Leicester. She has research widely in clinical health psychology (particularly adjustment to chronic conditions such as diabetes and cardiovascular disease), health professional behaviour change and secondary traumatization in (health) professionals

Dr Marilyn Christie, University of Leicester, UK
Marilyn was born and brought up as a Canadian citizen and completed an BA Hons in Psychology at Queen’s University in Kingston, Ontario in 1975. She worked as a Psychology Assistant in the Canadian prison system for 18 months before going to the University of Birmingham as a Commonwealth Scholar for an MSc in Clinical Psychology from 1976-1978. She then returned to Queen’s University in Canada to do a PhD in Clinical Psychology full-time from 1978-1981, and part-time until 1985. She came back to the UK in 1981 to work initially in the addictions field as a researcher, and, then for a 4 yr. period as a Clinical Psychologist in general psychiatry and in eating disorders. She moved back to the addictions field in the Leicester treatment services in 1983, gradually moving from a clinical job to a research and evaluation role as she does to the present day. From 2004, Marilyn has been Clinical Lecturer on the Leicester DClinPsy course, maintaining 1 day per week as Consultant Clinical Psychologist and manager of a Research & Education Team in the local addictions service.