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The phenomenology of belonging to the world. Implications for psychiatry and mental health care

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Abstract :

A growing number of phenomenologists argue that *belonging to the world* should take precedence over *subjectivity* as the originary experience and the starting point for phenomenological inquiry. This shift aims to move beyond the dualisms of subject and object, consciousness and world, or mind and matter - dualisms to which Husserlian transcendental phenomenology remains partly indebted through the distinction between a constituting ego and a constituted world. In contemporary French phenomenology, an innovative approach has been developed from different theoretical angles by Renaud Barbaras (2019, 2025), Claude Romano (2025), and Bruce Bégout (2020, 2025). Their work offers renewed accounts of bodily experience, intersubjectivity, and our relation to the world, while also raising important questions for psychiatry, which often remains conceptually tied to and limited by the natural-scientific model of mind.

We will examine the implications of these phenomenologies of belonging for psychiatry by exploring their convergences with *4E cognition* - embodied, embedded, extended, and enactive - and highlighting their specific contributions. Furthermore, we will discuss their links to recent psychological research on the *sense of belonging*, particularly its disruption in severe mental disorders. In doing so, we propose a conceptual framework that may help clarify how disturbances of *world-belonging* shape psychopathological experience.

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