Title: The Alternative Model for Personality Disorders (AMPD) dissected: Extreme Pathologisation of selfhood in the making

abstract
In this talk I will trace recent developments in the conceptualization of Personality Disorders, especially the development of the Alternative Model of Personality Disorders (AMPD) included in the DSM 5. Central to the AMPD is the notion of 'personality functioning'. I will argue that Kernberg's (1968) psychodynamic theory of borderline personality played a highly influential role in the formation of 'personality functioning' is understood, and how several questionable and arbitrary decision have led to AMPD's account. The inclusion of personality traits in criterion B will similarly be traced back to questionable motives and several arbitrary decisions. The main argument of the talk, however, is that the AMPD will result in a sweeping over-pathologisation of ordinary forms of selfhood, in clinical and non-clinical populations. I will finish with suggestion with a suggestion for future developments in this area.