Mental health costs are soaring, drug prescriptions skyrocketing, and diagnostic categories continue to convince us that we are mentally ill. It is time to move beyond the therapeutic state!

Most existing alternatives focus on the individual. In contrast, this conference will feature inspiring innovations in collaborative practice. Such practices bring together diverse conceptions of reality, values, and hopes for the future. From the inter-change emerge new forms of life, viable for all.

This conference will feature collaborative practices relevant to therapy and beyond. Discussions will be enriched by practitioners and scholars from many sectors of society. Join the dialogue as we explore new possibilities.

In the end, it is toward a relationally oriented society we must move. And it is toward active participation in changing both practices and policies that the conference is dedicated.

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- Helsinki Psychotherapy Institute (Finland)
- Familjévårdsstiftelsen (Family Care Foundation) (Sweden)
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The Program

Keynote presenters include:

A Relational Recovery from the “Rage to Order” with Kenneth J. Gergen

Rethinking Psychiatric Care: Alternative Programs That Are Models for Reform with Robert Whitaker

The Hearing Voices Network: An Example of a Postpsychiatric Future? with Olga Runciman

The McDonaldisation of Children’s Mental Health in the Era of Globalization with Sami Timimi

The Extended Therapy Room with Carina Håkansson and guests


Workshop Presenters Include:

- Pietro Barbetta - Italy
- Bob Cottor - US
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- Eugene Epstein, Lothar Duda, Manfred Wiesner – Germany
- Glenda Fredman – UK
- Billy Hardy, Mary Morris, Kieran Vivien-Byrne, Jeff Faris – Wales
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