



# Inter cultural aspects of mental disorders

Clinical research and practice in a globalized world



International Conference  
University of Heidelberg  
November 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010

## Call for Papers

Globalization is confronting us with new challenges in understanding and treating mental disorders. Therefore cross-cultural issues are of increasing importance in clinical research and practice. This conference aims to provide a unique opportunity for clinical researchers and practitioners to meet and discuss common problems of mental disorders. The conference will feature panels, workshops, and keynote addresses from leading experts in the field.

## Panels and Workshops

In line with our conference theme, we invite submissions on intercultural aspects of mental disorders and clinical practice. Below you will find some questions that will hopefully encourage you to submit contributions on a variety of topics:

- How can we describe and measure cultural influence?
- How can we explain cross-cultural differences, e.g. in prevalence rates or symptom presentation?
- Which cultural contexts shape the interplay between risk or protective factors and mental disorders?
- What are the consequences of cultural and migration experiences for clinical practice?

In panels these questions will be discussed from various perspectives, focusing on the cultural shaping of emotion regulation, attachment, motivation, resources, relationship patterns, psychodynamic conflicts, religiousness, spirituality, coping processes, and so forth. We would also like to encourage you to submit proposals on other aspects of cross-cultural research and practice in mental disorders.

In workshops the implications of cultural issues for psychotherapy will be highlighted. Workshops should have a practical orientation, covering psychotherapeutic or psychosocial treatments in the context of intercultural work.

**We invite you to submit proposals for presentations and workshops until June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010. You will find guidelines for submission of proposals on the conference homepage. [www.chgdp.org/conference](http://www.chgdp.org/conference)**

## Venue

The conference will be held at Ruprecht-Karls University in the picturesque old town of Heidelberg. The University was founded in 1386 and will celebrate its 625<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It is one of the German Excellence Universities.

## Registration and Conference Fee

Early bird registration is available until July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010. Registration will also be available onsite from April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 onwards. All participants have to complete a registration form in order to attend the conference (see [www.chgdp.org/conference](http://www.chgdp.org/conference)). General conference fee is 150€, early bird registration is 120€. For university students and trainees in psychotherapy the general conference fee is 100€, and early bird registration is 80€.

Please note that payment of conference fee is obligatory for all participants and presenters.

## Conference Language

The conference language is English. Do not hesitate to submit contributions because of language barriers! As intercultural researchers we will support each other.

## Organizational Committee

The conference is part of a binational doctoral program in Clinical Psychology and Psychotherapy between Chile and Germany. The research activities in this program focused on the cultural shaping of affective disorders, comparing depressed Chilean and German patients. Local hosts are the Department of Psychology and the Institute of Psychosomatic Cooperation Research and Family Therapy.

If you have any questions concerning the conference or need help with submissions, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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## Preliminary Program

### Thursday November, 11<sup>th</sup> Aula of the Old University

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| 3:00 pm | Welcome addresses   | <b>Rector Prof. Dr. Bernhard Eitel</b><br><b>Delegate of the Ministry of Science, Research and the Arts, Baden-Württemberg</b><br><b>Vice Dean Prof. Dr. Hans-Werner Wahl</b><br>Faculty of Behavioral and Cultural Studies<br><b>Dean Prof. Dr. Claus R. Bartram</b> Medical Faculty<br><b>Prof. Dr. Annette Kämmerer</b><br><b>Prof. Dr. Manfred Cierpka</b> |
| 4:00 pm | Cultural Psychiatry and the Politics of Alterity  | <b>Laurence J. Kirmayer</b><br>McGill University, Montreal   |
| 5:00 pm | Culture, Emotion, and Expression: New Empirical Findings and Theoretical Advances   | <b>David Matsumoto</b><br>San Francisco State University, San Francisco  |
| 6:00 pm | Short presentation of the "German-Chilean Doctoral Program"<br>Poster presentation of the intercultural studies and results | <b>Manfred Cierpka</b><br>University Hospital, Heidelberg<br><b>Annette Kämmerer</b><br>Heidelberg University  |
| 7:15 pm | Welcome drinks<br>Bel Etage of the Old University   |  |

### Friday November, 12<sup>th</sup> Aula of the Old University

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|----------------|---|---|
| 9:00 am        | On the Sociocultural Shaping of Depressive Symptoms: Influences of Modernization, Westernization, and Urbanization in China and South Korea | <b>Andrew Ryder</b><br>Concordia University, Montreal<br><b>Samuel Noh</b><br>Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, Toronto |
| 10:00 am       | Culture, Depression, and Emotional Reactivity   | <b>Yulia Chentsova Dutton</b><br>Georgetown University, Washington  |
| 11:00-11:30 am | Coffee break  |   |
| 11:30 am       | Cultural Aspects of Psychotherapy   | <b>Juan Pablo Jimenez</b><br>University of Chile, Santiago de Chile   |
| 12:30 -2:00 pm | Lunch break   |   |

### Friday November, 12<sup>th</sup> Psychologisches Institut, University of Heidelberg

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| 2:00 pm      | Panels       |
| 3:30-4:00 pm | Coffee break |
| 4:00 pm      | Panels       |

### Saturday November, 13<sup>th</sup> Psychologisches Institut, University of Heidelberg

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| 9:00 am        | Panels and/or workshops  |  |
| 10:30-11:00 am | Coffee break   |  |
| 11:00 am       | Panels and/or workshops  |  |
| 12:30 pm       | Psychological Significance of Migration and Mobility in a Globalizing World: Refugees and Global Players – an Ethnopsychanalytical Study | <b>Ernestine Wohlfart</b><br>Charité, Berlin |