S10-04 - EDGES OF UNDERSTANDING: UNWORLDING AND THE EXPERIENTIAL VULNERABILITY TO PSYCHOSIS

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Schizophrenia is characterised by profound distortions of the tacit world-embeddedness, which can be articulated both in flamboyant, characteristic symptoms - such as positive, negative and disorganised ones - or more subtle, quasi-ineffable changes in the structure of subjective experience. Such dislocation from the tacit milieu of common sense, rests in-between the jaspersian articulations of understanding and explanation, and remains problematically unsaturated even in the comprehensive post-jaspersian frames offered by existential, narrative-hermeneutic, psychodynamic, constructivist and cognitive-behavioural modes of understanding. In this context, a phenomenologically-informed approach can illuminate - in the very hic et nunc of the clinical-therapeutic encounter - those structural changes in the field of awareness which constitute the antepredicative, pre-psychological matrix of schizotropic vulnerability.