**CFR: Values-Based Practice Theory Network Spring Conference, Oxford 3-4 May 2016**

The second meeting of the Values-Based Practice Theory Network will be a two-day conference held at St Catherine’s College Oxford on 3rd and 4th May 2016. The conference is run in partnership with the Collaborating Centre for Values-Practice in Health and Social Care (<http://valuesbasedpractice.org>) and Anna Bergqvist’s established Particularism in Bioethics, Professional Ethics and Medicine Network at Manchester Metropolitan University.

Venue: The Collaborating Centre for Values-based Practice, St Catherine’s College Oxford.

Theme: Value, Context and Narrative in Medical Epistemology and Health Care Practice.

The theme of this interdisciplinary conference is focused on the theoretical underpinnings of values-based practice, and explores the implications of illness narrative and contextualism for debates about objectivity and value in philosophy of medicine and medical epistemology more generally. It builds on our first conference on Values-Based Practice and Moral Particularism in October 2015, with special attention to philosophy of psychiatry, clinical practice and scientific methodology. By bringing together theorists and practitioners from the disciplines of Philosophy and Psychology our aim is to explore the ways in which normative critical perspectives challenge the implicit or assumed reductive theoretical paradigm of many current models and measures of ‘value’ in health care contexts in developing new integrative and holistic approaches. We hope that the event will open up a dialogue about the ways we might think and argue differently about the benefit of conceptual and evaluative thought in these contexts.

**Schedule**

*Tuesday 3rd May*

09:00 – 09:15. Registration and Welcome

09:15 – 09:45. Benedict Smith (Durham University), ‘Values Based Practice and Context’.

09:45 – 10:30. Ulrik Kihlbom (Uppsala University), ‘Narrative Understanding in Clinical Decision Making and Serious Games Interventions’.

10:30 – 11:00. Tea & Coffee.

11:30 – 12:15. Lubomira Radoilska (University of Kent), ‘Ignorance of What One is Doing’.

12:15 – 13:00. Ian J. Kidd (University of Nottingham), ‘Illness, Ethics and Exemplarism’.

13:00 – 14:00. Lunch

14:00 – 14:45. Richard Gipps (University of Oxford), ‘Psychotherapy as Moral Practice’.

14:45 – 15:30. Anna Bergqvist (MMU), ‘Value, Perspective and Integration: Reassessing Narrative Selfhood in Borderline Personality Disorder’.

15:30 – 16:00. Tea & Coffee

16:00 – 16:45. Mark Haydon-Laurelut (University of Portsmouth/NHS). ‘Systemic Psychotherapy, Narrative and Autistic Spectrum Conditions’.

16:45 – 17:00. Concluding Remarks.

18:00 – Dinner (at self-cost).

*Wednesday 4th May*

09:00 – 09:45. Anna Zielinska (Sorbonne), ‘The Normativity of Empirical Enquires: The Case of Genetics’.

09:45 – 09:45. Dieneke Hubbeling (Royal College of Psychiatrists, Philosophy Special Interest Group), ‘Outcome Bias, Values, and Moral Luck’.

10:30 – 11:00. Tea & Coffee

11:30 – 12:15. Alan Thomas (Tilburg University), ‘Particularism and Group Agency’.

12:15 – 13:00. Tim Thornton (University of Central Lancashire), ‘Who Are We? Subjectivity in Objective Values-Based Practice’.

13:00 – 14:00. Lunch

14:00 – 14:45. Caroline Vass (University of Manchester/Uppsala University), ‘What is Health Economics? Problematising Value in Stratified Medicine’.

14:45 – 15:30 Jens Erik Paulsen (Norwegian Police College University), ‘Policing as a Values-Based Practice: Challenges and Prospects’.

15:30 – 16:00 Tea & Coffee

16:00 – 17:00 Roundtable Discussion

17:00 Close

**Registration**

The event is free and open to all but places are limited, for which reason registration is necessary. To register, please send an email to the conference organiser and director of the VBP Theory Network Anna Bergqvist at a.bergqvist@mmu.ac.uk no later than **Thursday 28 April 2016**.

Please state any dietary or disability restrictions as appropriate, all of which will be fully catered for.

Welcome!