

VIRTUAL CONFERENCE 2020

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## OFFICIAL SCHEDULE & KEYNOTE INFORMATION

10-11<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2020

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## Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the lands on which we host this virtual meeting and of the various lands on which you all work. We pay our deepest respects to elders past, present and emerging – always was, always will be, Aboriginal land. We acknowledge the Māori as tangata whenua and Treaty of Waitangi partners in Aotearoa New Zealand. Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.

## Welcome!

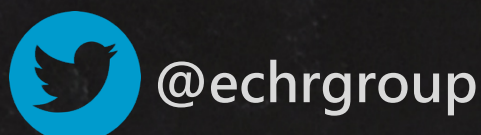
We warmly welcome you to the first meeting of the Early Career Hallucination Researchers of Australia & New Zealand (ECHR ANZ), hosted by Swinburne University of Technology.

We would like to thank the members of the international ECHR, especially Ben Alderson-Day, Cassie Hazell, Emma Palmer-Cooper & David Benrimoh, for their help in reviewing abstracts and their support in planning this conference, and Abigail Wright, Catherine Bortolon, Peter Moseley & Stephanie Allen for forming our poster judging panel. We thank The Centre for Mental Health at Swinburne University of Technology, especially Greg Murray, Lourdez Sanches, Neil Thomas & Susan Rossell, for their support, sponsorship and wisdom. Thank you to Biological Psychiatry Australia for their generous endorsement. Thank you to all of the incredible contributors and collaborators of our breakout rooms – Emily Castagnini, Georgie Paulik-White, Matthew Hughes, Neil Thomas, Sarah Bendall, Susan Rossell, Talitha Ford, Will Woods & Yann Quide: we are all extremely excited for these conversations!

And, of course, thank you to all of our speakers and attendees – the future of hallucination research is looking bright! We hope you enjoy learning about some of the fascinating ECHR research being undertaken across Australia & New Zealand.

Your ECHR ANZ committee,

Dr. Imogen Bell, Dr. Rachel Brand (co-chairs), Dr. Wei Lin Toh, Dr. Caitlin Yolland, Adrienne Bell, Mikaela Bere & Sophie Richards



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## SCHEDULE

Time (AEDT) (Melb/Syd/Canb)	Day One Tuesday 10/11/20 (Morning Session)
10.00 am - 10.15 am	<b>Introduction &amp; welcome to country</b>
10.15 am - 11.00 am	<b>First Keynote – Assistant Professor Nev Jones:</b> Experienter Involvement in Clinical 'Hallucinations' Research: Unpacking Epistemic Agency
11.00 am - 11.15 am	Break
11.15 am - 12.15 pm	<b>Short presentations</b>  Carli Ellinghaus: <i>HYBRID: Can virtual reality, neurofeedback and cognitive behaviour therapy positively influence treatment targets for auditory hallucinations in First Episode Psychosis?</i>  India Kelsall-Foreman: <i>Factor structure and age invariance of the Cardiff Anomalous Perceptions Scale (CAPS) in healthy older and younger adults</i>  Sharla Cartner: <i>The role of attention focus in auditory verbal hallucinations: an ecological momentary assessment study</i>  Sidhant Chopra: <i>Disentangling altered functional connectivity in antipsychotic-treated and antipsychotic-naïve psychosis: A longitudinal, triple-blind, placebo-control fMRI study</i>
12.15 pm - 12.45 pm	<b>Breakout rooms</b> Discussion points & collaborative activities
12.45 pm - 1.00 pm	<b>Closing comments and award presentations</b>

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Time (AEDT) (Melb/Syd/Canb)	Day Two Wednesday 11/11/20 (Afternoon Session)
2.30 pm - 2.45 pm	<b>Introduction</b>
2.45 pm - 3.45 pm	<b>3-minute thesis style presentations</b> Don't forget to vote for people's-choice presentation  Caitlin Reddyhough Darcy Gordon Dr. Ilias (Leo) Kamitsis Kriti Sharma Laura Strachan Mikaela Bere Natalie Feary Dr. Rachel Brand Sarah Maisey Scott Pennay Sophie Richards
3.45 pm - 4.00 pm	Break
4.00 pm - 4.30 pm	<b>Breakout Rooms</b> Reconvene from Day One
4.30 pm - 5.15 pm	<b>Second Keynote – Associate Professor Ben Alderson-Day:</b> Hearing the Voice: Eight Years of Interdisciplinary Research on Voice-Hearing
5.15 pm - 5.30 pm	<b>Closing comments and award presentations</b>

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## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

### ASSISTANT PROFESSOR NEV JONES

#### Experiencer Involvement in Clinical 'Hallucinations' Research: Unpacking Epistemic Agency

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 10.15am

**SUMMARY:** This presentation takes as its point of departure philosopher Jose Medina's contention that epistemic injustice is fundamentally tied to the contextual negation of epistemic agency: "When one is allowed to be an informant without being allowed to be an inquirer, one is allowed to enter into one set of communicative activities—those relating to passing knowledge and opinions—but not others, precisely those others that are more sophisticated, happen at a higher level of abstraction, and require more epistemic authority: formulating hypotheses, probing and questioning, assessing and interpreting opinions, and so forth." With this starting point in place, the talk will go on to explore both the consequences of arrested epistemic agency with respect to the social status of 'experiencers' and the nature of knowledge produced, specifically focusing on 'hallucinations' research.

**BIO:** Nev Jones PhD is an assistant professor of psychiatry at the University of South Florida. Nev's training background is interdisciplinary with extensive pre-doctoral training in continental philosophy, a PhD in community psychology, and postdoc in medical anthropology. Research interests span early psychosis services, the social, economic and cultural determinants of mental health and disability, and theory-informed investigation of the assumptions and implications of particular research methods, including participatory approaches.



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## ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR BEN ALDERSON-DAY

### Hearing the Voice: Eight Years of Interdisciplinary Research on Voice-Hearing

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November, 4.30pm

**SUMMARY:** What do people talk about when they talk about voices? What makes something a voice? And how do these things relate to auditory verbal hallucinations, as understood from a psychological or psychiatric perspective? The contention of *Hearing the Voice* was that we need a range of different kinds of expertise to answer these kinds of questions. Now in its eighth year, the project has contributed to the understanding of voice-hearing in fields as diverse as clinical psychology, medical anthropology, and literary theory, while working closely with voice-hearers to reorient misunderstandings of the phenomenon. My talk will cover some of the main research milestones of the project, and some of the controversies and mis-steps along the way.

**BIO:** Dr Ben Alderson-Day is an Assistant Professor in Psychology at Durham University, UK. Since 2012 Ben has been part of *Hearing the Voice*, a research team of psychologists, psychiatrists, philosophers, anthropologists, historians, theologians, and literary scholars based at Durham. His work on auditory verbal hallucinations – or voice-hearing – spans phenomenology, experience sampling, cognitive psychology, and neuroimaging. In 2018 he founded the Early Career Hallucinations Research Group with Cassie Hazell (University of Westminster) and in 2019 he joined the steering committee for the International Consortium on Hallucinations Research. He has published over 50 articles in journals such as *Brain*, *the Lancet Psychiatry*, *Schizophrenia Bulletin*, and *Cortex*.



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