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# DANGEROUS THERAPIES

William James Revisited

International  
Symposium

16-17 JANUARY  
2013  
Madrid  
SPAIN

The symposium is dedicated to some of the most intriguing dimensions of William James's psychology and philosophy

In particular, we will explore the idea of therapy understood not as a healing method to be in peace with oneself and with others, but rather as a radical way of unleashing dangerous and reinvigorating energies in individuals and thus in their ways of confronting and engaging their fellow human beings

The symposium also tries to emulate the interdisciplinary spirit of James's insights combining perspectives from different fields (politics, morals, education, religion) and reenacting dialogues of James with Freud, Jung, and some other pioneers of human and social sciences

#### Wednesday 16

9:30 RAMÓN DEL CASTILLO (UNED)  
Opening remarks

10:00 SONU SHAMDASANI  
(University College London)  
Why I am not Conscious:  
Reflections on Radical Empiricism

11:30 Coffee

12:00

ALMA LÓPEZ (UNED)  
Art, Madness and Reason:  
The James Family

MATEI IAGHER  
(University College London)  
William James, the Buddha  
and the Science of Religions

13:30

Lunch

15:00

EMMA SUTTON  
(University College London)  
"A Harder but also a Higher Lot":  
William James, the Invalid and Society

BIANCA THOILLIEZ (UAM)  
Educating the Will: James and  
Self-determination Theory

16:30

Coffee

17:00-18:30

SARIN MARCHETTI  
(University College Dublin)  
Therapy and Transformation:  
James and Hortatory Ethics

NALLIELY HERNÁNDEZ  
(Conacyt-UNED)  
Physics and Psychology:  
the Energies of James

#### Thursday 17

10:00

DANIEL LÓPEZ (UNED)  
Jamesian Individualism: Old or New?

FUHITO ENDO (Seikei University)  
Freud and the Ethics of Failure

11:30

Coffee

12:00

RAMÓN DEL CASTILLO (UNED)  
Psychology of Conflict:  
James and Simmel

13:30

Lunch

15:00-17:00

Open debate  
and future activities