



The 3rd Finnish Interdisciplinary Conference on Psychedelics

Program overview

Thursday, October 2nd, 2025

13:00–18:00 Registration open (Arken Building)

15:00–15:30 Opening Ceremony (Auditorium Armfelt)

15:30–18:30 Scientific Program (Auditoria Armfelt & Helikon)

19:00 → Informal Get-Together

Friday, October 3rd, 2025

09:00–16:00 Registration open (Arken Building)

09:30–17:30 Scientific Program (Auditoria Armfelt & Helikon)

19:00 → Conference Dinner

Saturday, October 4th, 2025

09:30–16:00 Registration open (Arken Building)

10:30–17:45 Scientific Program (Auditoria Armfelt & Helikon)

17:45–18:00 Closing Ceremony

20:00 → Conference Afterparty

Scientific Program

Thursday, October 2nd, 2025

Auditorium Armfelt

Auditorium Helikon

15:00–15:30 **Opening Ceremony**

15:30–16:30 **Keynote: Prof. Christine Hauskeller - Decolonizing Praxis in Western Psychedelia**

16:30–17:00 **Break**

Scientific Session 1A: *Worldviews and Colonialism*

Georgia Kareola Haagsma - Reframing Amanita Muscaria: Toward a Postcolonial Psychedelic Practice

17:00–18:30 Linas Tavaras - From Margins to Meaning: Reframing Psychedelic Movements in East-Central Europe through Metamodern Lenses

Anastasia Ruban - The Limits of Connectedness: Tracing the Topology of Socio-Political Worldviews Among Naturalistic Psychedelic Users

Scientific Session 1B: *Cognition and Neuroscience*

Morten Lietz - Capturing Cognition: Challenges in Psychedelic Cognitive Science

Jack Kissane - Neuroscientific Insights into MDMA-Assisted Psychotherapy for PTSD: Should Adolescents Be Included?

Samuli Kangaslampi - Autobiographical memory recall under psychedelics

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Auditorium Helikon

9:30–10:30 **Keynote: Dr. Daniel Villiger – Are the Ethical Challenges of Psychedelic-Assisted Therapy Exceptional?**

10:30–10:45 *Break*

Scientific Session 2A: *Mystical Experiences*

Alberto Cavallarin - Do Mystical Experiences Exist? An Unbiased Look at Original Reports of Altered States of Consciousness

10:45–12:15 Aleksi Sakkolan-Leppänen - Challenging the Mystical: A Cognitive-Linguistic Viewpoint to the Session

Jussi Jylkkä - How could psychedelic experience reveal the ultimate nature of reality? Tackling the “hard problem” of mysticism

12:15–13:30 *Lunch*

Scientific Session 3A: *Entities and Energies*

13:30–15:00 Patrick Everitt - Death by Astonishment: Toward a framework of entity encounters in psychedelic philosophy

Aidan Lyon - Reclaiming Shakti: Toward a Phenomenology of Energy in Psychedelic Science

Maria Balaet - Why do the mushrooms speak to me?

15:00–16:00 *Coffee Break and Poster Session*

Scientific Session 4A: *Psychedelics beyond Therapy*

16:00–17:30 Juuso Kähönen - Psychedelic moral enhancement and the limits of medical-therapeutic paradigm

Jukka-Pekka Heikkilä - Psychedelics and Entrepreneurial Ideation: Exploring Altered States as Catalysts for Innovation

Zeus Tipado - No, DMT and lasers won't reveal the mysteries of the universe

Scientific Session 2B: *Treatment Models and Indications*

Aleksi Hupli - Past, present and future of psychedelic-assisted therapy for Alcohol Use Disorder

Marjo Tuominen - MDMA and Trauma Psychotherapy: Integration Challenges

Carmen Ostrander - Creative Resistance - An arts based response to manualized treatment protocols

Scientific Session 3B: *Variations in Personality and Chemistry*

Petri Kajonius - Personality, Genetics, and the Psychedelic Experience

Cato Grønnerød - Level of personality functioning as predictor of negative effects of recreational use of psychedelics and MDMA

Leo Lahti - Variability in chemical composition of ayahuasca and its analogues

Scientific Session 4B: *Experiences and Outcomes*

Esenia Cassidy - Psychedelic-related improvements in mental health among gender and sexual minorities are associated with mystical experiences, persisting effects and psychological insights

Carl Enholm - An Exploratory Study on Experiences during Ketamine Infusions and Antidepressant Response in Treatment Resistant Depression

Kurt Stocker - Not All Transcendence Transforms: Qualitative Findings from Controlled Studies with LSD, LSD-MDMA, and DMT

Saturday, October 4th, 2025

Auditorium Armfelt

	Scientific Session 5A: <i>Real-World and Patient Perspectives</i>
10:30–12:00	Helena Aicher - Psychedelic-Assisted Therapy in Switzerland – Frameworks, Evolving Practice, and Reflections on 10+ Years of Experience Eva Gallacher -The Relevance of Psychotherapy within Psychedelic-assisted Therapies: Real world experiences from Swiss patients Nathan Strebel - The Therapeutic Relevance of Psychedelic Experiences in Psychedelic-assisted Therapy from the Perspective of the Patients: a cross-sectional patient-survey
12:00–13:15	<i>Lunch</i>
13:15–14:15	Keynote: Prof. Michiel van Elk
14:15–15:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
	Scientific Session 6A: <i>Independence, Bias, and Access</i>
15:00–16:30	Aila Mustamo - Psychedelic researchers’ own experiences with psychedelic substances and connections with psychedelic communities Katherine Cheung - The Benefits and Burdens of Enhanced Independence in Psychedelic Research Floris Wolswijk - Navigating Regulatory and Payer Landscapes to Unlock Psychedelic Therapy Access
16:30–16:45	<i>Break</i>
16:45–17:45	Panel Discussion
17:45–18:00	Closing Ceremony

Auditorium Helikon

Scientific Session 5B: <i>Psychedelics and Spirituality</i>
Ville Räisänen - Psychedelic catalysed ego dissolution versus Buddhist insight into non-self Gabriela Bezakova - Ethical Considerations of Spirituality in Psychedelic Therapy Adam Greif - Clearing the Air About Psychedelic Spirituality
Scientific Session 6B: <i>Growth and Emancipation</i>
Anssi Pitkänen - Self-Organizing Destabilization: Autopoiesis and Psychedelic Harm Eirini K. Argyri - Growing through the challenges: Psychedelics as catalysts of ontological diversification Julian Heller - The Emancipatory Potential of Psychedelics: Why Taking the Trip Out of Psychedelic Medicine Is a Mistake

Poster Presentations

Friday, October 3rd, 2025, 15:00–16:00

Jussi Alihanka - *Holotropic perspective to psychedelic therapy: importance of set, setting and inner wisdom*

Vladislav Andreev - *Psychedelic Use Among Russian-Speaking Psychonauts: Challenging Western-Centric Models of Therapeutic Outcomes*

Esenia Cassidy - *A Critical Literature Review of Research on Attachment and Psychedelics: Synergies and Research Implications*

Caroline Hayes - *A Toad Less Travelled: Should 5-MeO-DMT Have a Role in Treating Depression*

Sonal Kadchha - *Psychedelic Mountaineering: Preparing to ascend the peak. Psychosynthesis as a proactive harm reducing and benefit maximising adjunct for challenging psychedelic experiences*

Fabio Nogueira Pereira - *Quo vadis: medicus curat an natura sanat – which path will we roam?*

Taneli Karhula - *Entity encounters during the psychedelic experience*

Michelle Olofsson - *Difficulties Following Naturalistic Psychedelic Use and Associations with Adverse Childhood Experiences*

Manu Paavilainen - *Online Psychedelic Awakening: Social Media as the site of Psychedelic Integration*

Tyko Runeberg - *The oncogenic potential of psychedelics*

Sakari Rusanen - *Psychedelics in the treatment of chronic pain*

Leandre Sabourin - *The Impact of a Naturalistic Classic Psychedelic Use on Alcohol Consumption Among Adults: A Scoping Review*