

## **Session Program**

**10-12 Jul 2025**



## **10th ERQ Conference**

### ***33. Ethnographies of expert knowledges in mental health, neurodivergence, and disability***

University of Trento

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## Thursday 10 July

16:15

### 33. Ethnographies of expert knowledges in mental health, neurodivergence, and disability: 33a

Session | Conveners: Luca Sterchele, Fabio Bertoni

16:15–16:40

**'Doing' Disability 'Right': Rumour, Speculation and Preparatory Practices amongst Disability Benefit Claimants in the UK**

16:40–17:05

**Neurodivergence, urban space and epistemic in/justice. Reflections towards a neuroqueer research approach.**

17:05–17:30

**Challenging the Paradigms of Care and Control: Disability and Migration Intersections**

17:30–17:55

**"Don't depend on the other people". Anger, care and shadows of normality in an Italian-Bangladesh family in Turin**

17:55–18:20

**"Dearest world, I will be the one to die" Consideration on in/exclusion processes and vulnerability from a research experience on dis/ability, gender and sexuality in Covid time**

18:20–18:45

**The attitude of deaf and hard-of-hearing towards Russian sign language interpreters**

**Speaker**

Nikita Bolshakov

19:15

## Friday 11 July

09:30

### 33. Ethnographies of expert knowledges in mental health, neurodivergence, and disability: 33b

Session | Conveners: Fabio Bertoni, Luca Sterchele

09:30–09:55

**Just a little more different than the others: neurodivergence and the re-articulation of diagnostic practices and knowledge production in autism research**

09:55–10:20

**Recovery Narratives and Participation Practices in Mental Health Services: Perspectives from Experts in Peer Support**

10:20–10:45

**Integrating experiential knowledge into mental health services in Friuli Venezia-Giulia: A qualitative and interdisciplinary analysis of the role, benefits, and challenges of peer support workers**

**Speakers**

Giulia Pollice, Dr Luca Negrognolo

10:45–11:10

**Talking to social care: people with intellectual and developmental disabilities as experts in the production of social care**

11:10–11:35

**«“And then what exactly is your experiential expertise?”: Performing professionalism and madness in Dutch welfare landscapes**

**Speaker**

Charlotte van der Veen

11:35–12:00

**Navigating uncertain assumptions in a research project on housing for persons with complex mental health needs**

12:00–12:25

**The observation of mandatory health treatments (TSO) in the City of Turin: forcing care to protect society**

12:30

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### 33. Ethnographies of expert knowledges in mental health, neurodivergence, and disability: 33c

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16:15–16:40

**Crippling ethnography**

16:40–17:05

**Queering Neurodivergence: Practices of resistance in a neuronormative urban space.**

17:05-17:30

**Intersecting Frameworks of Care: Indigenous and Biomedical Approaches to Disability in Sierra Leone**

17:30-17:55

**Fractured Selves, Fractured Wills? Constructing the Eating Disordered Patient in an Italian Treatment Centre**

17:55-18:20

**Performing Care: A Digital Ethnography of Masculinities, Mental Health, and Embodiment on TikTok.**

18:20-18:45

**"I find myself in a rather tricky situation": Vulnerabilities, support and knowledge sharing within a network of PhD students with disabilities**

18:45-19:10

**Disrupting Ethnographic and Expert Knowledge Hierarchies through Gnosis: Beyond the Vulnerable Binary of Care and Control**

19:15

## Saturday 12 July

10:00

### 33. Ethnographies of expert knowledges in mental health, neurodivergence, and disability: 33d

Session | Conveners: Fabio Bertoni, Luca Sterchele

10:00–10:25

**Over a Decade of Stigma: Living with Emotionally Unstable Personality Disorder in the UK.**

10:25–10:50

**TSO- the voice of psychiatrized people and their caregivers**

10:50–11:15

**Amor fati: How patients learn to embrace the institution that subjectivated them. Ethnographic insights from a forensic psychiatric facility in Italy**

11:15–11:40

**Negotiating Care and Control: Ethnographic Perspectives on Expert Knowledge in Italy's Forensic Mental Health System**

11:40–12:05

**Defying absence. Managing juvenile offenders: At the crossroads of control policies and systemic abandonment**

**Speaker**

Lorena La Fortezza

12:05–12:30

**Women in prison Study of mental health conditions of women prisoners**

13:00