

Epistemology of working with people – without an institution.

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Introduction/Invitation

Deinstitutionalisation in human services and particularly in mental health has been a process that has since Second World War liberated thousands if not millions of inmates out of a vast number of asylums. However, the deinstitutionalisation has not been only the move from the big and closed buildings into the community, but also the change in the role and relationships between the professionals and users, different actors; it has also been a change in the paradigm of treating and working with people from controlling and punishing to empowering and understanding. The source of knowledge, the regard or gaze, the very logic of reasoning has changed.

The process of deinstitutionalisation is far from being completed. Not only that there are millions of people still closed on the account of their disabilities in various forms institutions but also the facilities that should have replaced the old settings are often rule by the old logic of asylum: patronising role of professionals is persisting, logic of guilt and fear are still used as tools of caring for people, punishment and reward still govern the human deeds and coercion is still being experienced.

In the new European states and other countries there have been many new community facilities introduced, but very few old institution have been dismantled. The knowledge and

good practice have been introduced in good numbers, but the bastions of institutional care have remained intact.

The same has been also true for Slovenia. The idea of deinstitutionalisation has been introduced in the late 80's, first community establishment has been opened in 1992, but up till Hrastovec experience, the institutions have remained – both the psychiatric hospitals (app. 1300 beds) and social care homes (app. 4000 beds per 2 million population). However the NGO sector has opened in the last dozen years more than 30 different facilities (group homes, day centres and clubs, self help groups and users and relatives associations, etc). Yet, this has only been done in the social sector with a marginal role of psychiatry and major role of social work.

The major deinstitutionalisation has begun in 2001 in Hrastovec, a long term social institution for people with long term mental distress and intellectual disabilities. Hrastovec used to be the last stop in the Slovene institutional network. Since 2002 it has resettled about 120 inmates, closed one location (a castle), plans being made for the remaining 500 residents.

What is happening in Hrastovec is important for mental health and social and health care in general in Slovenia. It is also a landmark of the deinstitutionalisation processes in Central and Eastern Europe.

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TIME TABLE

WEDNESDAY 11.05.2005	THURSDAY 12.05.2005	FRIDAY 13.05.2005
14.00 arrival	<p>9.30 plenary session Bruno Norcio – Chairman Andrej Marušič - introductory greetings</p> <p>9.45 Josip Lukač – <i>Open structures, challenge of science.</i></p> <p>10.00 Matt Muijen WHO Kopenhagen, European Office - <i>The deinstitutionalization in Europe: the new Challenge of the new eastern European Countries</i></p> <p>10.20 John Mahoney – How high is the price of madness? - <i>Economic base of the transition from an institution to community. Economy of the seamless services</i></p> <p>10.40 Roberto Mezzina - What is evidence based? - <i>Contradiction of evidence based responses. What is evidence? Quantative and qualitative data? Evidence and reflexion.</i></p> <p>11.00 Discussion</p> <p>11.30 Coffe break</p> <p>11.45 Victor Aparacio Basauri - The low of foolness - <i>Legal base. Legalizing closing and coercion vs. ensuring rights and empowerment. Contradictions of the community orders. Definition of danger. Advocacy. The psychic damage</i></p>	9.30 plenary session

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	12.05 Jean Luc Roeland - Is freedom therapeutic? - <i>Deinstitutionalization as a rehabilitative practice</i>	
	12.25 Vito Flaker - Europe as a Ressource - <i>Deinstitutionalization in the new European Contries - Philosophy and Geography (Slovenia, Hungary, BIH & s.f.)</i>	
	12.45 Discussion	
	13.30 Lunch	
	15.00 Groups	
	18.00 Evening/dinner	
15.00 visit to the neighbouring services as well as to the Hrastovec castle – former Lunatic Asylum		13.30 – 14.30 lunch
		14.00 Meeting of the ICMHN

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GROUPS

A) Epistemology of working with people – without an institution. Chairs Ismet Ceric (Sarajevo – BIH)

Rocco Canosa(Matera), Bruno Norcio (Trieste), Lorenzo Toresini (Merano), Massimo Marsili (Trieste), Barbara Bavdaz (UK), Josip Lukač (Maribor), Chuck Schneider (Linz), Thomas Platz (Klagenfurt)

B) Economic base of the transition from an institution to community. Economy of the seamless services.

Martin Zinkler (UK), John Mahoney (UK), Susannah Rix (UK), Michael Mc.Kenna (IRL), Hans Otto Böckeler(D), Kurt Lederer (Linz,A), Kerstin Felderer (Spittal a.d. Drau A), Tröbinger Halima Hadzikapetanovich (Zenica, BIH), Roberto Bosio (Latisana-UD, I), Emanuela Cima (Merano – I)

C) Contradiction of evidence based responses. What is evidence? Quantative and qualitative data? Evidence and reflexion. Chairs Rainer Danzinger (Graz – A)

John Jenkins (UK), Damien Murray (Monaghan, IRL), Steffi Weber-Unger-Rotino (Dresden –D), Roberto Mezzina (Trieste - I), Eckart Giesse (Erfurt – D), Umberto Carrescia (Merano, BZ – I),

D) Legal base. Legalising closing and coercion vs. ensuring rights and empowerment. Contradictions of the community orders. Definition of danger. Advocacy. Chairs Michael Cigler (Liublijana - Slo)

Victor Aparacio Basauri (Oviedo –E), Rainer Nathow (Bremen – D), Carlotta Baldi (Naples -I), Renzo Bonn (Udine – I), Savina Rauber (Trieste – I), Lorenzo Toresini (Merano – BZ, I), Rocco Canosa (Matera –I)

E) Deinstitutionalization as a rehabilitative practice – Chairs Rocco Canosa (Matera –I)

Jeanluc Roeland (Lille –F), Nico Casagrande (Venice, I), von Cranach (Kaufbeuren – D), Damm Sabine (Berlin – D), Myriam Klanjsceck (Maribor – Slo), Hans Pfefferer-Wolf (Hannover – D), Orghe Pertegato (Venie – I)

F) Deinstitutionalization in the new European Contries – Philosophy and Geography – Chairs (Hungary)¹

Fabrizio Ramacciotti (Venice – I), Rea Maglajlic (Sarajevo - BIH), Boris Maslov (Mostar – BIH), Vito Flaker (Ljublijana), Matt Mujen (Kopenhagen), Danilo Sedmak (Trieste – I), Emiljia Stambolija (Bihac – BIH), Behzad Hadjic (Klijuc – BIH), Hasan Kurtovic (Bihac – BIH), Alain Topor (Stockholm - S), Paolo Tranchina (Florence – I), Luis Torrent (Ibiza – E), Bruno Trenta (Bruneck – BZ – I), Rafael Virgadaula (Merano – BZ – I), Vesna Puratic (Sarajevo – Bih), Günther Vinkler (Bad Tölz – D)
