

## EVENTS

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2010**

**The role of cultural narratives in the psychiatric system: Implications for transcultural nursing**

This talk is part of the 'Transcultural Nursing: Potential, Challenges and Training – COST Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> June 2010. HYPERLINK "[http://costhome.eu/management/index.php/COST\\_London\\_2010](http://costhome.eu/management/index.php/COST_London_2010)" [http://costhome.eu/management/index.php/COST\\_London\\_2010](http://costhome.eu/management/index.php/COST_London_2010)

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The 'Folk Psychiatry' (Haslam, 2005) model offers a social-cognitive account of the way lay people think about mental disorder. The model proposes that mental disorders, and other forms of psychological deviancy, are conceptualized in terms of four underlying dimensions. Each dimension has a distinct cognitive underpinning, which is grounded in recent social psychological research and theory. In this presentation, research evidence supporting the model will be laid out, and implications for clinical presentation, help-seeking behaviour, treatment and stigma will be discussed. The model offers a number of conceptual and practical advantages in an area where psychological theory is often lacking. Ways in which the framework can be applied across cultural settings will be discussed.