



Rethinking 'normal' evolving perspectives on mental health and illness



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Lecture & Lecturer Overview

Claire Gillan is a Professor of Psychology at Trinity College Dublin, Ireland (www.gillanlab.com). Her lab has a dual focus: advancing our understanding of the brain mechanisms underlying psychiatric conditions and developing new tools to scale up research in psychiatry. She has made major contributions to our understanding of habit formation and its role in conferring risk for compulsivity. Her group has pioneered the use of internet-based methods in psychiatry, including developing the smartphone app Neureka (www.neureka.ie), which has over 30,000 registered citizen scientists who donate their time to support research. The lab also has a keen interest in psychiatric nosology and has developed a widely used technique for identifying transdiagnostic dimensions in psychiatry. Claire has received numerous awards for her work, including Early Career Researcher of the Year from Science Foundation Ireland (2022) and the Early Career Award from the Society for Neuroeconomics (2022). She holds funding from Science Foundation Ireland, the Health Research Board and the European Research Council, is an MQ Fellow, and serves as Editor-in-Chief of Current Opinion in Behavioural Sciences.

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