



## INTRODUCTION

The Second World Congress of Cultural Psychiatry will take place in a particular moment in the history of Psychiatry, characterised by a universal recognition of the great innovativeness of introducing the cultural factor in Psychiatric Epistemology.

The congress therefore represents an extraordinary meeting opportunity for the pioneers who laid the theoretical foundations of Cultural Psychiatry, for the experts who, through their clinical studies, gave shape to the new configuration of Psychiatry in societies under the spur of globalization and for young researchers in the field.

As for the Congress topics, particular relevance will be given to the need to delve into the new hybrid sciences and especially bio-culture, considered as the main epistemological approach to establish the influence of biological, geopolitical, cultural and relational factors in the construction of new pathologies, both in the West and in developing Countries, to evaluate the effectiveness of the psychotherapeutic approaches used in different cultures, as well as to organize culturally sensitive Mental Health services.

Finally, the Congress intends to focus on the analysis of the complex problems arising from the relationship between Science and Faith.

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