Health Humanities Lecture Series:
Patient Agency

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'Protecting epistemic agency in healthcare'

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Abstract

How do we avoid undermining a patient's sense of agency in the clinical encounter? In this talk I will focus on the case of young people struggling with their mental health and seeking support. The talk is based on the results of recent project bringing together psychiatrists, psychologists, social scientists, and young people with experience of accessing mental health services.

Bio

Lisa Bortolotti is professor of philosophy at the University of Birmingham, working on themes in the philosophy of psychology and psychiatry such as the nature of belief and rationality. She is the author of The Epistemic Innocence of Irrational Beliefs (OUP 2020) and Philosophy of Psychology: an Introduction (with Kengo Miyazono, Polity 2021).