WORKSHOP 5, “1968, ANTI-PSYCHIATRY AND INSTITUTIONAL PSYCHOTHERAPY
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Tuesday, June 5th, 2018, 10am-3pm
Room 2.03, Bush House, King’s College
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Abstract

As a crisis of the institution, the widespread and cultural upheavals of 1968 and the movements and tendencies which led up to them were focused with particular intensity in the context of psychiatry. This workshop offers the opportunity to explore the contestatory movements in the psychiatric institution which gathered pace in the years leading up to 1968. Despite traversal connections across the different cultural contexts, the anti-psychiatry movement around RD Laing and David Cooper, in the UK, the radical reform of the asylum promoted by Franco Basaglia in Italy, and the
practice of institutional psychotherapy pursued in France at the Clinique La Borde with Jean Oury and Félix Guattari propose fundamentally different approaches. The workshop will be structured around these three different contexts, while allowing ample scope for comparative discussion of the history and legacy of radical psychiatry in and around 1968.

Suggested Reading


Online resources:
“Demons of the Mind: ‘Psy’ Sciences and Cinema in the ’Sixties”
http://www.psychologyandcinema.com/