Transformation of psychiatric care towards mental health care approach in Argentina.

*Participation of Occupational Therapy in the construction and development of mental health field in Buenos Aires (1957-1976)*

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«Memories for the present....»
General objective
To characterize the training and professional practice of Occupational Therapy in the development of the field of mental health in CABA in the period 1957-1976.

Specific objectives
1. Describe and analyze the professional training of occupational therapists in the period
2. Describe and analyze professional practice based on professional practices
3. Describe aspects of work psychodynamics and professional identities related to participation in initial experiences and interdisciplinary teams
4. Characterize the relative position of the profession in the field of mental health in the period studied
CONCEPTUAL MATRIX

**Mental health field**
Galende, Carpintero y Vainer
- multiprof and interdisc. competence field
- field of production in health

**core of competence**
Occupational Therapy (profession-discipline)
Bourdieu, Sousa Campos et al, Galheigo
- conformation as corpus-discipline
- social reproduction of knowledge and practices
- dialogic process with the field, co-construction
- symbolic, economic, cultural and social capital

**Education / Vocational training**
professional socialization
explicit and implicit
conceptual and operational knowledge
values, norms
selection and hierarchy reproduction
in MH: traditionally uni-disciplinary

**Assistential / work spaces**
complexity of work in health
affective work (Hardt, Moliner), soft technologies
micropolitics of the health act (Merhy)
recognition – cooperation (Dejours)
practical transubjectivity (Galende)

**Professional identities**
for oneself, for others
heterogeneous identity forms
ways of living and give sense to work
METHODOLOGY

Sources and Instruments
life stories
In-depth interviews.
co-research situation
other sources

Design
exploratory-descriptive (Samaja)
retrospective and qualitative, flexible
Comprehensive paradigm (Kornblit)
hermeneutic-dialectical approach (Minayo)

Sample
intentional
studentes, teachers, managers
30 OTs + others
50 hours interviews
Hundreds of documents

Processing and data analysis
Content and discourse analysis
Units of meaning and value aspects
turning points and epiphanies,
notion of career
(Bardin, Minayo, Bertaux, Demaziere&Dubar)

Auditability
directors
Experts
interviewed

Periodización
1957-1961
Creation INSM
ENTO – english model

1962-1966
Transition and consolidation of profession

Public policy in MH
expansion and contraction of the field
Training plan and initial organizational chart of ENTO (1957-1961)
1957-1961

**ENTO – english model (Dorset House)**

- career vs courses and/or scholarships
- training in MH and physical (WFOT)
- Public educ.: CNRL, Health Minstry
- admission req., attitudinal emphasis
- replica Dorset House
- scientific legitimation ref to medicine
- Teachers' experience in the MH field
- activities as a means to x diag
- Fund. theoretical several schools, notes

1962-1966

**ENTO (transition) form english model to local identity**

- Passage of management to graduates
- First changes of curriculum
- > emphasis on SM quali and quanti
- questioning of initial fund
- greater student participation
- alternative training spaces
- Incipient construction of autonomy together with subsidiary of hegemonies of the field

1967-1970 ...

**ENTO (expansión en MH cuanti and cuali)**

Creación: Univ. Prov. Mar del Plata

Becas del INSM para ENTO

- value / disvalue axes
  - medicine
  - male prof.
  - university
  - upper and middle class
  - recog nac and int prof organization
  - many graduates
  - specialized spaces
  - broad insertion
  - therapy
  - verbal therapy

Hospital Borda (Dra. Neuman)
Hospital Moyano (Dr. Modarelli)

**Premieras terapistas argentinas en SM**

- H. Borda (Sala 3 - H. Dia. Dr. G. Badaracco)
- H. Moyano (Dr. Modarelli - Dr. Bonoli-Cipoletti)
- H. A. Alfaro (S. Psicopatología. Dr. Goldenberg)

**INSM (Nación)**

- Plan Goldenberg (BA)

- TO and team in Public MH Policy
- public positions MH, management
- MH team, interdiscipline
- community practices, groups
- neurotic and less serious pts
- intra-professional differences
- chases and closures

**Identity processes related to teams epiphanies towards 1970 and more**

- very high responsibility
- defensive ideology
- subjective suffering
- Recognition: patients, psiq, spaces

**scaffolding**

- Team care practices
- tens. differentiation-integration

**Subjecivity**

- Survival of training
- English TOs, CNRL charges (Dorset)
- isolated, uni-disciplined, tolerated
- monovalent
- pac. chronic-hospitalization (day hospital)
- mornings - evenings
- Act. as a means for earning money

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«To articulate what is past does not mean to recognize “how it really was.” It means to take control of a memory, as it flashes in a moment of danger.»

W. Benjamin