

*New Paradigms of Psychiatry*

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The paradigms of psychiatry accepted in the latter part of the 20th century have been eroded by changes of medicine and by socio-economic trends that influenced society and psychiatry. Among these trends are the commodification of medicine, rampant urbanization, horizontalization of communication, fragmentation of labour and of professional disciplines. Their effects and advances of knowledge about mental illness and ways of dealing with it make it necessary to re-examine priorities of psychiatry and its treatment goals and methods. The presentation will delineate the new priorities of psychiatry and consequent changes of its action.