

A LOGIC OF MADNESS AND CRIME: BEYOND POSSIBLE THERAPIES AND TREATMENTS



Possible Definitions and Treatments

- What is madness?
- What is mental illness?
- What is a treatment or cure?
- What is crime?
- What is X? What is the future of X?
- Psychiatrist (1): Mental illness is a physical disease, but there is no cure for it ... yet.
- Psychiatrist (2): Mental illness is a personality disorder, but there is no cure for it ... yet.
- Szasz: Mental illness is a Myth, that does not have a real place: it is only an abusive fiction of psychiatry
- Foucault: Madness is Unreason alienated by psychiatrists (power) in asylums as Mental Illness, that then returns in Art/Literature

Habitual Possible Response: I know what X is, but not if it actually has a place (is true).

I know what madness is, but don't know if Y is actually mad.

I know what mental illness is, but don't know if Y is actually mentally ill or if it takes place.

I know what mental illness/madness is, but don't know if it is treatable or curable. (DSM classifies, not treats)

I know what a treatment is, but don't know if it actually works or not.

These are all possible definitions and treatments: I know what X is, but don't know if it actually has a place = it is only POSSIBLE.

The Problem With Possible Definitions & Treatments

- **Ineffective:** No necessary consequences; therefore no cure, only management techniques and remedies
- **Ambiguous:** Can always be used to say and do the opposite
- **Therapeutic Manipulation:** Whatever works for the person is true, even if forms of relief can be inevitably harmful and dangerous
- **Dogmatic:** Because it is only possible, a definition or treatment requires modes of power and esoteric schools (from Psychiatric to Anti-Psychiatric) to implement.
- **Impossible:** Often dead ends into forms of negative therapeutic reaction or unachieved therapies where patients repeat multiple 'alternative' treatments

Is there a different, more effective, less ambiguous, less therapeutic, less dogmatic, less impossible way to work?

From Contingent To Necessary

- What is the difference between Possibility, Contingency, Necessity?
- **Possible = I know what X is, but not if it actually has a place (is true)**
- **Contingent = I don't know what X is, but it does have a place (is true)**
- **Necessary = I know what X is, but it does have a place (is true)**

Example (1): A man has a home. Is he inside or outside it?

Example (2): A woman has a mental disorder as defined by the DSM, will she be ill or not tomorrow?

Example (3): A child has been diagnosed as ADHD today, will s/he have actually have a mental disorder tomorrow ?

Modalities of the Symptom

Possible

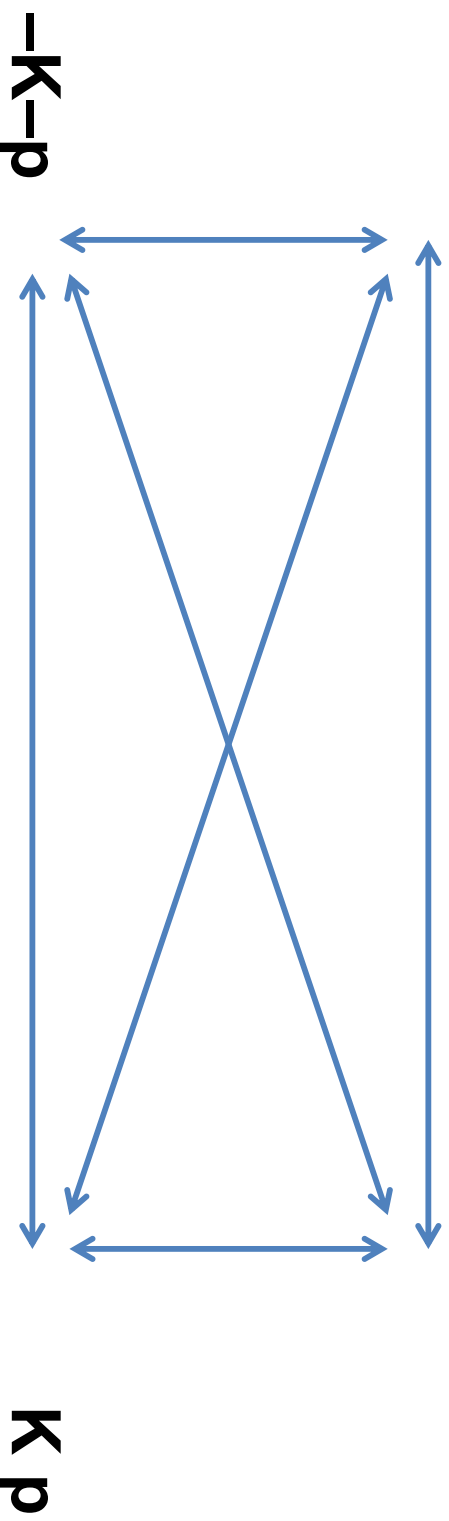
- I know what X is, but not if it takes place

Contingent

- I don't know what X is, but it takes place

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- I don't know what X is and it doesn't take place

- I know what X is and it takes place

Impossible

Necessary