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from an Epidemiological Perspective**

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1. The psychopathology and neurocognition of psychosis are not an absolute orthogonal relationship; differential neurocognitive patterns are found for the disorganized and negative symptoms dimensions *versus* positive and affective ones (this thesis).
2. Quantitative variations of an individual's human mentation interact with their environments to increase their risk for the onset of clinical psychosis (this thesis).
3. The persistence of subclinical psychosis is associated with a higher risk of transition to clinical psychosis. These findings fit with the hypothesised Psychosis Proneness-Persistence-Impairment model (this thesis).
4. Incidence, persistence and clinical relevance of psychotic experiences demonstrate a dose response relationship with an individual's affective dysregulation, within the general population (this thesis).
5. The liability associated with the development of negative & disorganized symptoms and their interplay with environmental exposures drive the ontogenesis of positive psychotic symptoms at a population level, increasing the risk of onset of clinical psychosis (this thesis).
6. Psicosis. ... Y la única vida que tenemos / es ésa que está dividida / entre la verdadera y la errada. (Fernando Pessoa) (Psychosis. .... And the only life we have / is that which is divided / between the truthful and the mistaken one.)
7. Epidemiology is much more than finely dressed statistics. It is a scientific discipline with roots in biology, logic, and the philosophy of science. (Kenneth J. Rothman)
8. Prime numbers are what is left when you have taken all the patterns away. I think prime numbers are like life. They are very logical but you could never work out the rules, even if you spent all your time thinking about them. (Mark Haddon)
9. Everything should be made as simple as possible, but not simpler. (Albert Einstein)
10. Knowledge without love is lifeless.
11. "Cantad alto, oiréis que oyen otros oídos.  
Mirad alto, veréis que miran otros ojos.  
Latid alto, sabréis que palpita otra sangre.  
No es más hondo el poeta en su oscuro subsuelo encerrado.  
Su canto asciende a más profundo, cuando  
abierto en el aire, ya es de todos los hombres." (Rafael Alberti)

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