

**A meeting of the Psychiatry Section in association with
the Medical Women Federation and Daedalus Trust**



Power, gender and hubris

Tuesday 9 May 2017

**Guy Whittle Auditorium, Royal Society of Medicine
1 Wimpole Street, London, W1G 0AE**

Aims

To present contemporary multidisciplinary understandings of the concept of power and its associated dynamics, with specific emphasis on Hubris and to assess its significance in relation to gender.

The nature and exercise of power and origin history of the term “hubris” will be outlined. There will be detailed presentations from neuroscience and social science perspective as well as personal experience in extreme conditions of temptations to, barriers against and instances of hubris in diverse political, occupational and clinical settings.

Objectives

- Understand the concepts of power, hubris and gender as they relate to each other
- Enhance sensitivity to risks, protections and examples of hubristic behaviour in diverse settings
- Understand, prevent and manage hubristic feelings and behaviour, with specific reference to gender issues

8.45 am **Registration, tea and coffee**

Chair: Professor Michael Maier, President, Psychiatry Section, RSM

9.15 am **Opening of conference**
Mr B Sethia, President, RSM

9.20 am **Introduction on the Concepts of Power**
Lord Robert Skidelsky
Trustee Daedalus Trust

Session 1: Power and hubris

9.30 am **What is power?**
Sir Anthony Seldon, Master of Wellington College and Vice-Chancellor,
University of Buckingham

- 10.10 am **Hubris in classical myth and morality**
Professor Douglas Cairns, Professor of Classics University of Edinburgh
- 10.40 am **Question and answer session**
- 11.00 am **Tea and coffee break**
- Session 2: Power and gender**
Chair: Dr Henrietta Bowden-Jones, President Elect, Medical Women’s Federation
- 11.30 am **Micro hubris: Daily acts of hubris**
Professor Elisabeth Kelan, Director of Global Centre for Gender and Leadership Cranfield School of Management
- 12.00 pm **Hubris on Everest**
Rebecca Stephens OBE, Seven Summits Performance Ltd
- 12.30 pm **Question and answer session**
- 12.45 pm **Lunch**
- Session 3: Gender and hubris**
Chair: Professor Nick Bouras, Daedalus Trust
- 1.30 pm **Hubris, power and gender: An anthropological perspective**
Dr Farrah Jarral, BBC4 Presenter “From Savage to Self”
- 2.00 pm **"Neurobiology of Decision Making, Gender and the Exercise of Power"**
Prof Trevor Robbins, Professor of Cognitive Neuroscience and Experimental Psychology, Cambridge University
- 2.40 pm **Question and answer session**
- 3.00 pm Tea and coffee break
- Session 4: Round table discussion**
Chair: Professor George Ikkos, Director “Psychiatry in Dialogue with Neuroscience Medicine and Society” Psychiatry Section, RSM
- 3:20 pm **Discussion with audience participation on: “The Exercise of Power: does gender matter?”**
Dr Gwen Adshead, Visiting Professor of Psychiatry, Gresham College
Dr Adrian James, Registrar, Royal College of Psychiatrists
Professor Parveen Kumar, President, Medical Women’s Federation
Dr Ed Mitchell, Co-Founder, Oxford Risk
- 4.20 pm **Introduction**
Dr Jacqueline Phillips Owen
- 4.35 pm **Summing up**
The Rt Hon Lord Owen, Member of the House of Lords

5.00 pm Completion of evaluation forms and close of meeting