

## LECTURE SERIES

**Tuesday,  
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12:15 - 13:15

Campus Biotech  
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## Anorexia Nervosa as a Passion: A Contemporary Case Study in Psychopathology and the Affective Sciences

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Contemporary diagnostic criteria for anorexia nervosa explicitly refer to affective states of fear and anxiety regarding weight gain, as well as a fixed and very strong attachment to the pursuit of thinness as an overarching personal goal. Yet current treatments for that condition often have a decidedly cognitive orientation and the exact nature of the contribution of affective states and processes to anorexia nervosa remains largely uncharted theoretically. Taking my inspiration from the history of psychiatry, I argue that conceptualizing anorexia nervosa as a passion is a promising way forward in both our understanding and treatment of that condition ■

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