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‘THE END OF THE ASYLUM, HOW ITALY CLOSED DOWN ITSPSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS’

THOMAS SYDENHAM LECTURE

John Foot started working on the history of the radical psychiatry movement in Italy in 2008. He looked in detail into the activities of the psychiatrist Franco Basaglia, who became Director of the Psychiatric Hospital in the northern Italian town of Gorizia in 1961. As Director, Basaglia transformed the institution he was in charge of, organising meetings of patients, knocking down walls and publishing a series of books about his experiences there. This 'concrete utopia' helped to create a movement which led directly to the 1978 Basaglia Law, which called for the closing down of all psychiatric hospitals in Italy. Foot has published a book on this subject in Italian and in English with the title 'The Man who closed the Asylums'. Franco Basaglia and the Revolution in Mental Health Care in Italy (Verso, 2015).

At Apothecaries' Hall, Black Friars Lane, London EC4V 6EJ

Monday, 19th March 2018

6:00pm

Lecture: Free (No tickets issued, booking advisable)
Supper at 7pm

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