**Seminar IRH-ICUB**
Consciousness and Cognition: An Interdisciplinary Approach
**convenor Dr. Diana Stanciu**
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**Awareness and Madness. A Study Case: The Archetype of the Shadow**

My aim is to shed new light on the status that consciousness has in the experience of madness. For this purpose I will use Jung’s shadow archetype and I will start by outlining its possessive character, followed by the moral issues that may arise from here. Relevant in this case is also a peculiar phenomenon that occurs, namely the blurring of the border between the real and the imaginary, a consequence of this being the isolation of the individual from the outside world and an ‘imprisoning’ in his or her own mind. On an archetypal level, In Jung’s view, we all have a shadow that will actualize in the form of the personal shadow at some point, and failure to confront it can lead to neurosis, and thus to a serious diminishing of awareness.