



***A Clinical Sociology Model
of Social Rehabilitation of Schizophrenia:
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Introduction

▲ What is Clinical Sociology

The metaphor of going near the bed (*ling-chuang*)

▲ Time frame of this *Huilongguan* research

China early 90s



Three basic notions

▲ A) Experience

Always related to myself, to me or to I

- I am old, I am lonely, I hate my job

Intimately related to the world of feelings and to organismic reaction (Ti- hui, jing-yan)

- describing religion, drinking tea

▲ B) The Notion of Total Fact

Any experience could be possibly related to many other social factors

- causes, consequences
- meanings
- similarities, contradictions with other experiences



Three basic notions (...)

▲ C) Experience as a Collective Construction

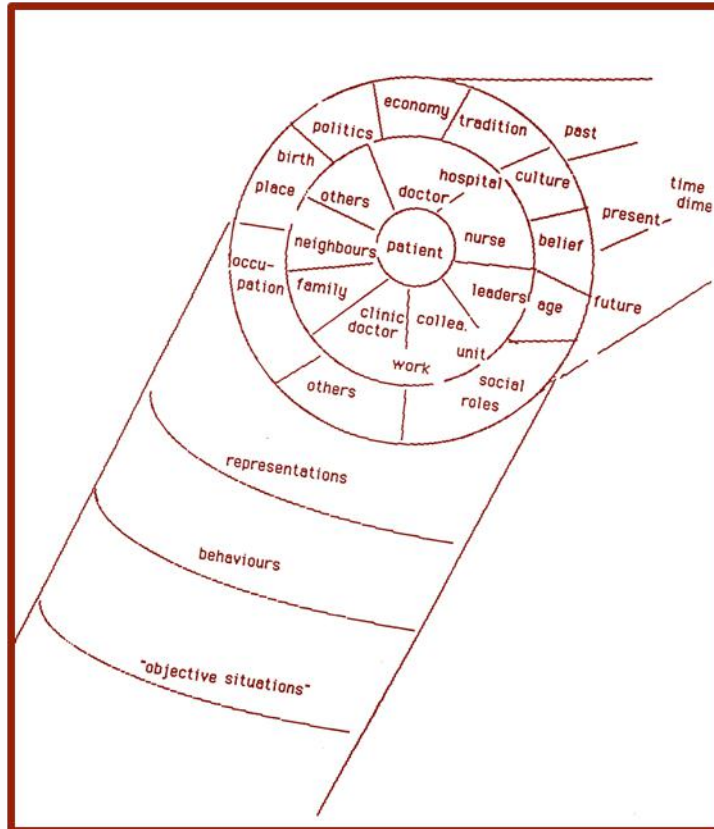
The case of social rehabilitation of schizophrenic patients

- individuals
- institutions
- larger social political or legal systems
- traditions

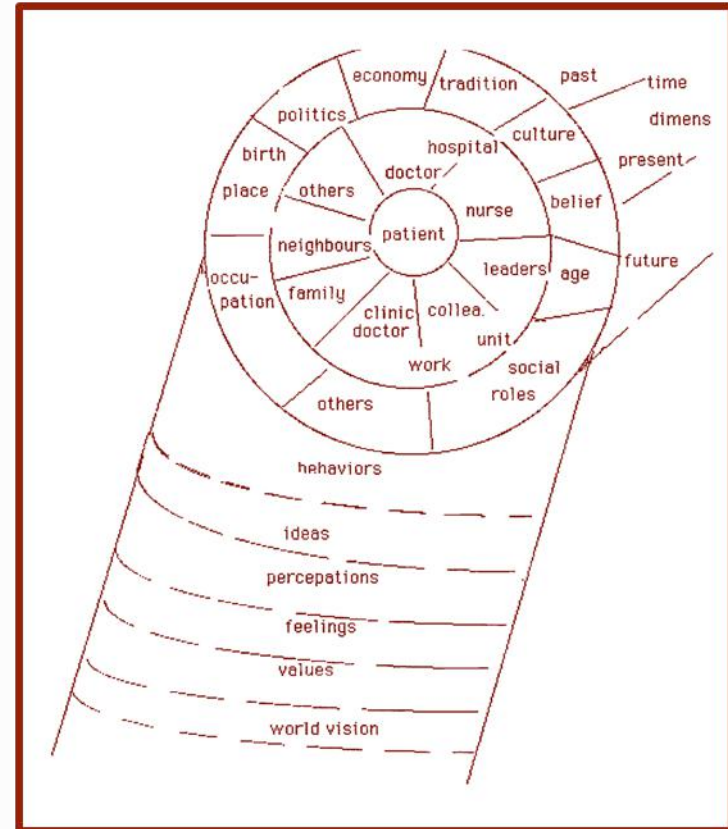


Two Heuristic GRIDS

Graph 1



Graph 2



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Data Gathering

▲ Interviews and Case Studies

Each patient and his immediate social environment (ISE)

Semi-directive/non-directive interviews

6 leading questions

Qualitative analysis

Case study approach

▲ Implicit knowledge and language

Definition: what is often not said, or difficult to say to others

The Chinese translation of «Implicit», *han-xu*

Priority to experience and meaning

I.K. also applies to perception of «objective» data

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Two brief examples

▲ Xiaodong' s ant Lulu' s experiences

Differences and similarities between the two cases

Differences in their world-views

Their attitudes towards the *90s Reform*

▲ The implicit knowledge about the immediate social environment

The relationship between the research team and me

For the pilot study

- the question: which gift should we give to the family?

Conclusion: a good example of I.K. at play



Conclusion

A Reminder: The actor is also a “subject”

- ▲ Implication for Aging research: the experience of aging
- ▲ Proximity epistemological and research paradigms between the two areas of practice
- ▲ The possible contribution of aging researchers and practitioners to clinical sociology and the experience of *aging*