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ASPERGER

ASPERGER'S AS AN ACCESSORY

A mild fixation suites anyone.

If it can be connected to a somewhat challenging last name (like a Norwegian bicycle in your mouth), makes touching oneself ALS ACCESSOIRE socially acceptable, and all of that without someone having to identify the talent part of the disorder – all the better.

DISSOCIATIVE DISORDERS

Dissociative disorders are generally not that problematic in the context of art. Regardless of the severity, these identity disorders are usually welcomed, and often one is happy about the occasional mental blank after the last encounters.

Professors who fuck but don't greet their students, Outsider Artists who eagerly promote themselves through mailing lists, successful institutional critique. In general a little incongruity is considered invigorating, so that the serious disorders are by no means socially isolated. Nevertheless, multitaskers, Personality Storms by Chief tene lapperson lichkeit der eine Students who try out DER MULTITASKER Camp methods at the bakery can't rejoice over a DSM-5 entry Attempt failed, you try-hards, comments the American Psychiatric Association Interest-

ing in this context is the acceptance of another subcategory of dissociations, including the walking fourth wall. With this split-personality disorder, one sub-personality of the affected person blocks access to the reception of the multiple other sub-personalities.

A seeming congruity without hope of an audience.

See also

The Multitasker

The Fake Outsider Artist

The Walking Fourth Wall

Incongruity (split personality)

OLD AGE CHEERFULNESS

ANTROPOPHOBIE

The oldie disorder in the field of artist pathologies that is otherwise almost blind to age. Similar to Alzheimer's of the remaining life, Old Age Cheerfulness retroactively distorts the life already lived. The consequences are usually visible in the form of a tragic late work, borne by not-taking-yourself-so-seriously-seriousness, an aimless pathological joke addiction (not to be confused with Witty Viennese Syndrome, the regional compulsive humor among Austrian artists) and the constant overestimation of one's own creativity. The good news: Those affected suffer the least.

□ Dementia

ALTERSHEITERKEIT

WIENER WITZELSUCHT MA

THE WITTY VIENNESE SYNDROME Limitless in its marginality while strictly limited to its geographical origin ("Bist eh von da?" - "Ja eh"). Not to be confused with Old Age Cheerfulness, because it is inter-generational and lacks interesting early work. Poorly disguised as Schmäh, this affective disorder is widespread among artists in the Austrian capital. This behavior is socially sufferable only because the hypomanic pressure to be funny really does not make it too hard for anyone: Irony is when you don't mean it seriously, of course. This way the WVS makes sure that fecal fun and display ribaldry prevail as a site-specific signature.

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ANXIETY DISORDERS

Are not really an asset.

If you can, don't mention your anxieties.

It is not unusual that social anxieties de
ANGST- velop a disproportion
deas STÖRUNGEN ate presence specifically out of the desire to shield oneself,

since the ways out and tools (also called

"Tarnhelm" in technical jargon, basically
any kind of typical disguise) with which
one moves through the seemingly hostile
environment attract all the more attention. Misguided psychodiagnostics mistake this behavior for a drama disorder,

PARANOIA

The almost one-hundred-year-old classic of being generated by der Angst davor, stells in Ring mit read; ripped off, and not mentioned, or the fear of PARANOIA it always struggling with the fear of not lismus seinen Ursprung um showing up at all. This is where today's seibst ein Bein, denn: Allesshowing up at all. This is where today's nur, referentialism originates and shoots itself in the foot, because everything that is there means something, except when it's not there.

Source of almost everything!

BASTEI BIOGRAFIE

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THE MULTITASKER

blame the anxiety sufferer, and make

Already revealed as a lie by neuroscience, the multitasker is virtually fighting for his existence.

DER MULTITASKER But due to his flat hierarchies in thinking, this struggle der Multitasker gewissermaßen um seine Exist to Survive doesn't cost him much more attention than his haircut, his style blog, his fanzine, his relationship with his family, capitalism, brain research, the American Psychiatric Association, The Critical Ass. Not vulgarst un listed in DSM-5, for TCA already a marginal disorder; keep it up!

See also Dissociative Disorders

9 ANTHROPOPHOBIA ANTROPOPHOBIE

Ziehen Sie in den Wald. Machen

their life hell.

The disease of civilization. Go into the woods. Do it now. Magdeburg is no solution.

WIENER WITZELSUCHT ME

Marginalität ebenso

in ihrem Regionalismus ("Bist eh von da?" – "Ja eh"). Nicht mit Altersheiterkeit zu verwechseln, la intergenerationell und oftmals ohne interessantes Frühwerk. Als Schmäh nur schlecht getarnt, ist di

a intergenerationell und oftmals ohne interessantes Frühwerk. Als Schmäh nur schlecht getarnt, ist diese Affektsförung weit verbreitet unter den Künstlern der österreichischen Hauptstadt. Sozial verträglich, denn der hypomane Humordruck möchte es wirklich niemandem schwer machen: Ironie ist, wenn man etwas nicht so ernst meint, eh kiar. So sorgt die WW dafür, dass Fäkalspaß und Display-Zotigkeit sich als ortsspezifische Signatur behaupten. SELF-PORTRAIT LOOP

In the world of narcissistic disorders, the most vulgar and simultaneously most multifaceted behavioral disorder. In terms of visibility and banality, surpassed by no other egocentricity and therefore so common in art and the Internet. Here the ego ideal has already been fulfilled before it is even formed. For the affected, this results in the perspective that the unbridled proliferation of autobiographical material would also have to concern everyone else. Rarely does the diagnosis of high functioning also mean high production - actually never. The world of narcissistic disorders

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DEPRESSION

As burn out a lie, valued as dysthymia, and SION usually just tiring as exhaustion. The most inelegant disorder, but in exchange: loyal, persistent, ubiquitous, and actually hopeless. Narcissistic hypertrophy and the informed eye on the big picture leave not much room for one's own lifetime achievements. The TCA tip for those suffering from it: Get a good night's sleep and then get out of the art businesse orie bis zu Karl Lagerfeld KÖRPER-KUNST-DISSONANZ

See also perhaps

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ALCOHOL

DEPENDENCE

SYNDROME

CUT AND PASTE BIOGRAPHY Present day

BASTELBIOGRAFIE pressure to be

innovative when dealing with self-designs. The alleged overabundance of one's potential usually turns out to be a succession of semi-good projects and lukewarm band rehearsals. And yet the Cut and Paste Biography is always both threatened and sustained by the linearity of a detailed CV. But be careful, no Word document can replace rigorous therapy.

COMPULSIVE EXPRESSION

compulsive

EGOTYPIE / SELBST-

The Distinction of Art and the remaining life, which is nullified if not ignored, makes even the walk to the supermarket a relevant self-expression. Here we find the mindset of an inhibited person attempting to compulsively express and empty out any kind of inner life. The expresser feels inhibited not so much by a lack of courage or oppor- EXPRESSIONSDRUCK tunity. but by the oth-

Not feeling empowered and social constraints are perceived as reasons for one's own limitations, and regular attempts are made to transcend them. From "this is the way am," it is just a small step to mistaking oneself for one's art as long as you possess the necessary extroversion.

See also ■Body-Art-Dissonance See also Scorner of Leisuretime

SCORNER OF LEISURETIME WORKAHOLIC

As whole-hearted production panic, projects are followed by more projects. Hard work, industrious activity, and spit counteract the awareness that one's own life does not suffice for making art. Summer holidays are smiled at mildly, exhaustion is dismissed as invented. Despite the rough handling of herself and others, this construction manager of art often experiences herself as lonely and misunderstood when it comes to art production. She subsequently compen-WORKAHOLIC sates for this with more work. A

vicious circle from which the only short-term relief or way out is another serious illness and in some cases the dependence on alcohol.

See also Alcohol Dependence Syndrome, Advantages

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DRAMA DISORDER

The world as a stage. Also the non-public requires an audience. Stretching oneself in inappropriate places (such as the aforementioned Anzengruber) in the sense of the public backstage can be viewed as the first indication. The dramatic reveals itself overtly and distinctly as a disorder when provoked by conflicts that demand the infinite partic-

ipation of the environment in one's own experience (a CHEEKINESS / CATASTROPHE, etc., or the like). The reference to the "troubles" must be made at every encounter, but one's own situation is rarely perceived as a real disorder, which not only leads to a low degree of therapeutic success, but also hasty remote diagnoses usually by those who are affected themselves.

™Borderline

The broad field of problematized body relationships

BODY-ART-DISSONANCE

in the art world and beyond extends from cyberneticians to Cyborg Theory to Karl Lagerfeld ("I am just so abstract"). Often triggered by a slight washing compulsion, which later develops into a fixation. Through the intensive hygiene work, the body

KÖRPER-KUNST-DISSONANZ initially becomes reified and later the

subject of fetishizing object love. At this point the body is almost totally liberated from all needs and only its indifferent metabolism evades the reign of taste. The actual dissonance usually becomes wisible only when body and work are confused with each other and confidently exhibited. Attempts at therapy usually fail due to envy of one's own body.

PSEUDO-RE COMPLEX SCHEIN-RE-KOMPLEX

> The Pseudo-Re Complex implies disturbed realism. Without considering their actual circumstances, those affected always act in expectation of a triumphant return to the spotlight of attention. They find support in the storytelling patterns of payback fiction, while their fantasies of reconciliation rely on an indispensable worldview guided by destiny. The common consequence is chronic postponing, a kind of escalation exercise in living life more

ENTWICKLUNGSHEMMUNG

persistently. This state is not to be confused with procras-

ALCOHOL DEPENDENCE SYNDROME

This syndrome, sources, plays always bringing

ALCOHOI which originates from multiple a similarly central role as fullgrown paranoia DEPENDENCE but is usually more social,

SYNDROME together at first instead of separating.

If you can choose your affliction, people will surely prefer to excuse this disorder rather than having to ignore your insistence that it was all your idea.

PROCRASTINATION

them on.

...has many faces. Listing them means putting PROKRASTINATION

tination; it is clearly too strategic for that. Those suffering from Pseudo-Re are considered frienemies of refuseniks. although both sides deny any closeness macy would undermine the mutual uniqueness. Cautiously compare with □ Procrastination
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COMPULSIVE REFERENCING

Only a seemingly buried sense of form that relies on fiber optic reassurance in broadband format in which reference has the same relationship to modernism as the Internet to pornography. They could be metonymies if one would admit it.

This results in a self-sufficient information aesthetic. It can, therefore, forgo REFERENZZWANG actual information, sparing the affected any confrontation. One of the typical compulsive acts is the frequent and rapid listing of "references" that marks effortless intellectual superiority (Ballet Syndrome), thereby performatively fulfilling the need for security that the compulsive referencers miss.

Inflated Self Esteem

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EXPOSURE SYNDROME

Without being able to give the exact reasons for this behavior (the etiology is lacking), it can be described as chronically inflated self-esteem. This implies that one's own ability to criticize not only primarily refers to others, but also seems to be appropriate for drawing out the secret of the surrounding social structures which are experienced as concealed ENTTARNUNGS-SYNDROM reserved. The findings are later revealed in critical artistic produc-

SCHEIN-RE-KOMPLEX

DEVELOPMENT INHIBITION

Displacing her self-reflection onto others, the muse remains in a steady state as eye-catcher and nuisance in pictures or IRL, from which inspiration can be derived, yet there's rarely any left for herself. This is only self-less insofar as "the fear of becoming oneself" is considered a sign of narcissism and depression in the "basic forms of anxiety" (mutually reciprocal, or something). As an archetype of all relationships possible in art, the disorder appears with overwhelming frequency in young women. Here disorder and society resemble each other.

But ENTWICKLUNGSHEMMUNG there

is no shame in the lack of activity per se; stuck in the muse existence, at least she looks good. But as she ages, the muse experiences her professional expertise in art relationships and good jeans almost inevitably as a deficit, even and regression. Successful therapeutic approaches work with memoirs and the publishing of diaries. In them - at least retrospectively the passing of time can be presented as a story of development, also because there are only so many (i.e. not so many) scenes that can be randomly lined

up. r It Girl **™**Muses BALLET SYNDROME

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consensus on what is disagreed upon and therefore crazy in itself. Of course, a successfully completed fouetté en

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tournant does not necessarily reveal any symptoms. But just because something impossible is done with ease does not mean that it is also possible. And this is where diagnostic case history steps in and successfully extends this condition into fine art. Ballet Syndrome describes the suffering from something that is there in order to not be there. For impossible ease see also the section on Development Inhibition.

Easy but completely impossible

Space for your own thoughts.

Add your disorder here!

BALLETT-SYNDROM

OBSESSIVE-COMPULSIVE DISORDER

The concept art of disorders. But concept artists and logicians know that the converse argument is not always ZWANGSSTÖRÜNG everyone else, valid, and for let us re-emphasize: not all concept artists are obsessive compulsives: MANY concept artists, however, consider it a decorative disorder. In fact, after drug addiction and a touch of Asperger's, it is the most popular self-diagnosis in art. Obsessive-compulsion is considered the cause of color-field painting and the nemesis of all amateur art.

SOCIAL BULIMIA

Even when the late night hit lacks words rhyming with party, the social bulimics* still can't go home. Contrary to the functioning contact makers, as the illness progresses the bulimic's guilty conscience increases with each exclamation of "interesting!" of he compulsive acts

SOZIALE BULIMIKER schlechte Ge and purging

build upon each other as a coarse complementary communication pattern. The compulsion is kept secret. In public and at any opportunity to come in contact with as many interesting people as possible, the bulimic seems to get along well with anybody. These appearances evoke in intervening friends the need to engage the afflicted in I e n g t h y conversations.

Along with exhaustion and self-disgust, this illness also has financial risks, because long journeys or expensive dinners are often splurged on or accepted in order to coincidentally show up where no one expected you.

See also Gontact Hoarder See also Panel Stalking

CONTACT HOARDER SYNDROME

Tries to randomly introduce everyone to everyone else. Unlike a regulating compulsion, this syndrome does not distinguish between addressing people formally or informally nor is it necessarily about being there yourself. Most important Kontakt Messie-Syndrom the mobile phone complains tantly. Worthless and valuable contacts cannot be distinguished. Only the amount and in some cases the speed of "getting to know" people are decisive for the Contact Hoarder and trigger satisfaction for the afflicted. The hoarder sees himself as a peak-performing athlete at social get-togethers and occasions where he can wave in large laps, plans enough time for the greeting AND the farewell, or assures himself of the sheer magnitude of his circle of acquaintances with iPhone stroking gestures, whose repetitions he counts. For Facebook users the behavioral patterns listed here are considered normative and are predefined by the platform itself. Please note: It is only a disorder when it bothers others.

ENTTARNUNGS-SYNDROM

PANEL STALKING
This type of hoarder, who differs from the actual Contact Hoarder primarily in the PANELSTALKING preference of "good friends," "good questions" over considers himself a reliable audience at every kind of publicly staged competence contest. The intimacy with the discussants generated through heckling and introducing one's own view is sometimes intensified into actual contact by approaching the panel after the discussion and arranging interview appointments that are never kept; as well as through referencing "parallels in thinking" that are revealed (exclusively) to the stalker.

> In a more detailed analysis of Panel Stalking, differences in motivation and the disease pattern can occur. The anxiety-impaired Panel Stalker seeks closeness to the podium mainly because he perceives its slight elevation as protection from germs (and the sheer meaninglessness) of the other attendees. While the second type seeks personal closeness and corresponds more with the true image of a stalker, i.e. the privacy violator, who not only enjoys bathing in a crowd, but also seeks round tables in the backroom with the prospect of real intimacy with professionals and great minds.

GARBLEATION Loaded with too much theory and other people's good thoughts yet still wanting to conceive one's own ideas. Enmeshed in refer-

VERQUASUNG

ence and ambition, it appears as a rarely airy, often loudly announced, densely entangled interconnection of everything with everyone. Complexity in art looks different kind of like that.

