

UNDERSTANDING THE ROLE OF PERSONALITY AND AFFECTIVE STATES AND IN EVERYDAY PSYCHOTIC-LIKE EXPERIENCES: AN EXPERIENCE SAMPLING STUDY

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This study investigated the within-individual relationship between the mood/interaction with others and psychotic-like experiences and examined the role of personality traits in moderating these relationships. The design of the study involved an experience sampling methodology using the smart-phone app. A sample of 182 participants completed PANAS scale, a set of questions about social interaction with others, and a 9-item questionnaire assessing everyday psychotic-like experiences twice per day, during one week (variables at the first level of multi-level modeling). Participants also completed NEO-PI R assessing Big five traits, and DELTA questionnaire assessing Disintegration trait (variables at the second level). On average, everyday psychotic-like variations were explained equally by intra- and interindividual factors. Findings show that Disintegration is fundamental for individual differences in manifestation of all everyday psychotic-like phenomena. Additionally, psychotic states are related to emotional states.

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