



SPECIAL DINNER SYMPOSIUM

Improving Clinical Practice through Harnessing Placebo Effects

Thursday, September 13, 2018

18:30 – 21:30

Boston Convention and Exhibition Center (BCEC)

\$99 pp (IASP SIG Member), \$109 (IASP Member), \$129 (Non-IASP Member)

Please join us for an informative, interactive and relaxed symposium where we will discuss placebo mechanisms and how they may be harnessed in clinical practice. Our international experts will each deliver lectures followed by a facilitated discussion.

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Registration: [Register through the World Congress on Pain conference registration portal](#)
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Lecture: Brain Mechanisms of Placebo Effects



Tor Wager is Professor of Psychology, Neuroscience, and Cognitive Science at the University of Colorado, Boulder. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in Cognitive Psychology in 2003, and served as an Assistant and Associate Professor at Columbia University from 2004-2009. Since 2010, he has directed Boulder’s Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience laboratory. Much of the lab’s work centers on the neurophysiology of pain and emotion and how they are shaped by cognitive and social influences. Dr. Wager and his lab are also involved in developing analysis methods for functional neuroimaging. See <http://wagerlab.colorado.edu> for more information.

Lecture: Making Placebos Honest: Practice and Theory



Ted J. Kaptchuk is Professor of Medicine and Professor of Global Health and Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School and Director of the [Harvard-wide Program in Placebo Studies and the Therapeutic Encounter \(PiPS\)](#) at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, Massachusetts. As a leading figure in placebo studies, a scholar of East Asian medicine, and an academic authority on medical pluralism, Professor Kaptchuk’s career has spanned multiple disciplines, drawing upon concepts, research designs and analytical methods from the humanities and basic and clinical and social sciences. He has been a leading researcher in placebo studies and pioneer the idea of honest placebos.