

DREAMING OF HEALTH AND SCIENCE IN AFRICA

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Saturday 13th June

10.00-10.30 Welcome

10.30-11.30 Opening Keynote: Simon Schaffer - The silent trade: reveries of global sciences

Chair: Noemi Tousignant

11.30-12.00 Tea

12.00-14.00 Parallel sessions

A. Archives of Dreams

Chair: Alison Bashford

Guillaume Lachenal - Colonial doctors in paradise. The history of the Haut Nyong utopia, Cameroon

Oswald Masebo - Infant Welfare Interventions in Colonial Southwest Tanzania, 1920-1940

Noémi Tousignant - Things that did not happen: archive, resurrection and dreams of public health in Senegal

John Manton - Medical forgetting and musical memory at Uzuakoli Leprosy Centre, Nigeria

B. Governing Dreams

Chair: Jeremy Greene

Rasheed Olaniyi - Memory and Politics of Colonial Medical Services in Ogbomoso, 1907-1970

Erick Nyambedha - Forgotten People: Challenges of accessing basic health services by Indigenous Populations in Kenya

Hannah Brown - Managerial relations in Kenyan health care: Empathy and the limits of governmentality

Anne Marie Moulin - Quarantines and community isolation in the times of Global Health: Morals, Esthetics and Science

14.00-15.30 Lunchbreak

15.30-17.30 Parallel sessions

A. Imaginaries of Care and Welfare

Chair: Gabrielle Hecht

Claire Wendland - Starter kits and easy blessings: dreaming possibilities in everyday maternity care in Malawi

Ruth Prince - The past futures of a public hospital in Kenya

Noelle Sullivan - Imagining a Hospital Future: An Archaeology of Performative Engagement in Tanzania

Ramah McKay - Mourning Alma Ata: Public commitments and humanitarian temporalities in Mozambique

B. Progressive tools

Chair: Carlo Caduff

Nolwazi Mkhwanazi - A living laboratory? Medical male circumcision in Swaziland

Marine Al Dahdah - Health in Africa: mobile phone is the cure

Iruka Okeke - TBA

Ann H. Kelly - Sensing Cellular Debris: Traces of a Soviet method in a Tanganyikan Laboratory

17.30-18.00 Tea

18.00-19.00 Keynote: Nancy Rose Hunt - Dreams and Dream Collectors in African History

Chair: Guillaume Lachenal

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Sunday 14th June

8.30-9.30 Keynote: Gabrielle Hecht - Toxic Tales from the African Anthropocene

Chair: Ferdinand Okwaro

9.30-10.00 Tea

10.00-12.00 Parallel sessions

A. Freedom and dependence

Chair: Nancy Rose Hunt

Helen Tilley - The Wisdom of the Peoples' - African decolonization, Global Governance, and Cold War Constructions of Traditional Medicine

Wenzel Geissler – Field station as stage: acting science, forgotten scripts and the violence of mimetic dreaming

Johan Lagae - "Il ne peut être question de faire une politique, basée sur la couleur de peau". Postwar hospital architecture in the Belgian Congo and the dream of a new colonial society

John Harrington - Staging the Nation: Blood Donation, Ethnicity and Terror in Kenya

B. Divergent dreams

Chair: Alice Street

Catherine Burns - The Invention of the Birthsuit: Dreams, Fiction and Techno-Science in Apartheid South Africa

Freya Jephcott - Formal and informal systems of response to outbreaks emerging infectious diseases in Ghana

Luce Beeckmans- Imagined disease and racial segregation: multiple dreams of open space in Kinshasa and Dar es Salaam

Mathieu Quet - Security Dreams: Fighting against illicit medicines and shaping pharmaceutical markets in Kenya

12.00-13.30 Lunch

13.30-15.30 Parallel sessions

A. Quests for pharmaceutical effect

Chair: Bob Simpson

Rene Gerrets - Malaria control dreams in colonial British East Africa: tracing remnants of cinchona-based industrial production in Tanzania

Rebecca Marsland - The Standardized Dream of the Insecticide Treated Mosquito Net

Kirsten Moore-Sheely - Visions of 'Community Based' Malaria Control': The History of Insecticide Treated Nets in Kenya

Anne Pollock - Hope in Synthesis: iThemba Pharmaceuticals and dreams of South African Drug Discovery

B. Hope, death and wellbeing

Chair: Christoph Gradmann

Aimé Kakudji Kyungu - « Une femme ne peut pas mourir pour avoir aimé » Les rêves brisés des parturientes dans les salles d'accouchement de l'hôpital Sendwe de Lubumbashi

Benson Mulemi - Quest for health beyond hospital treatment of cancer in Kenya

Patience Mususa - Dreaming beyond a blanket and a roof: Visions of dwelling and wellbeing in an HIV/AIDS project in Zambia

Tamara Giles-Vernick and Fabienne Hejoaka - Healing dreams and hepatitis B in Burkina Faso

15.30-16.00 Tea

16.00-18.00 Keynotes:

James Fairhead - Ebola nightmares: Where dreams and the imaginary fill a social void

Cheikh Ibrahima Niang - Daydreaming from Ebola: From resistance to hidden Utopias of gender and health in West Africa

Chair: Ann Kelly & Ruth Prince

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Monday 15th June

9.00-10.00 Keynote: Filip De Boeck - TBA

Chair: John Manton

10.00-10.30 Tea

10.30-12.00 Parallel sessions

A. Engendering capacity

Chair: Anne-Marie Moulin

Peter Mangesho - Forgetting "Africanization" in East Africa

Branwyn Poleykett - Formatting the future: dreams and desires in capacity building

Ferdinand Okwaro - Collaborations in transnational medical research: aspirations, aims and dreams of African scientists and institutions

B. Targeting infection

Chair: Ruth Prince

Fanny Chabrol - Dreaming of safer blood donation and transfusion amidst a ruined hospital in Cameroon

Alice Desclaux - Tensions between humanistic and sanitary projects in the Ebola outbreak

Julia Cummiskey - Stylish Men: Promoting Male Circumcision for HIV Prevention in Uganda

12.00-13.00 Lunch

13.00 -14.30 Parallel sessions

A. Seeking engagement

Chair: Peter Mangesho

Tracey Chantler - Becoming part and parcel of KEMRI-CDC': Hopes and expectations undergirding stakeholder engagement in health research

Birgitte Bruun - Daily trials: Lay engagement in transnational medical research projects in Lusaka, Zambia

Crystal Biruk - Blueprints and minor dreams: The polyrhythms of survey research projects in Malawi

B. Transformative science

Chair: Benson Mulemi

Gemma Aellah - Human-landing catchers, science-workers and AIDS orphans: the art and science of hustling to crossing the border between poverty and stability among the post-AIDS generation of 'youth' in rural Western Kenya

Lloyd Akrong - (Re)configuring visions of biomedical research in Africa: clinical trials as imaginative and transformative spaces

Johanna Crane - Administrative dreams, administrative nightmares: Indirect costs, inequality, and the economies of global health science

14.30-15.30 Closing Keynote: Steve Feierman - Imaginary Care in the History of Eastern Africa

Chair: Wenzel Geissler

15.30-17.00 Closing Drinks



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