

# Tracing Never-ending Diseases

New Trends in Medical, Material,  
and Audiovisual History

## SUMMER SCHOOL

5-9 JUNE 2023

Brocher Foundation  
Geneva, Switzerland

## PROGRAMME



Histopathology slides, Faculté de médecine de Strasbourg.  
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## MONDAY 5 JUNE

### 14:00-15:30 OPENING AND INTRODUCTIONS

Alexandre Wenger (Université de Genève), Christian Bonah and Tricia Close-Koenig (Université de Strasbourg)

### 15:30-17:00 KEYNOTE LECTURE

Christos Lynteris (University of St Andrews, UK)  
*Working with images at the junction of the history and anthropology of medicine*

### 17:00 COFFEE BREAK

### 17:30-19:00 PARTICIPANT PRESENTATIONS

*Each of the summer school participants will give a 10-15 minute presentation of the aspects of their ongoing research related to never-ending diseases and new trends in medical, material, and audiovisual history. This will be followed by 15-20 minute discussion.*

Victoria Morick (University of Göttingen, Germany)  
*Participating in Knowledge Construction. Visual and Material Representations of the Disease Syphilis (1880s–1930s)*

Michaela Clark (University of Manchester, UK/University of Cape Town, South Africa)  
*Surface Tensions. Photographic (in)visibility & (in)conspicuous Disease in Cape Town*

Zihuan Zhou (University of St Andrews, UK)  
*From “Fight against Virus” to “Manufacturing Virus”: Sentinel Sovereignty, Epidemic Subjects, and Bio-techno-politics in Covid-19 China*

### 19:30 OPENING NIGHT DINNER

## TUESDAY 6 JUNE

### 9:00-12:00 SEMINAR SESSION 1

#### ASSIMILATING MICRO-ORGANISMS AND MAKING CLINICAL SENSE

*Each seminar session will include a one hour presentation/lecture and discussion, followed by a two hour working session/workshop on material and topics related to the presentation.*

Anna Harris (University of Maastricht, Netherlands)  
*Materialising micro-organisms: Sensory medical learning through texts and textiles*

## 12:00 LUNCH

## 13:30-15:00 PARTICIPANT PRESENTATIONS

**Léa Delmaire** (Sciences Po History Center, Paris, France/Institut Français d'Études Anatoliennes, Istanbul, Turkey)  
*Making an 'insidious disease' visible: A visual history of health propaganda in Turkey during the BCG campaigns*

**Rebecca Irvine** (City University of New York, USA)  
*Tracing and treating endemic diseases in 1960s Iraq*

**Erin L. Paterson** (Université de Strasbourg)  
*The Never-Ending Story of Tuberculosis and Supply Chain Shortages*

## 15:00 COFFEE BREAK

## 15:30-17:00 PARTICIPANT PRESENTATIONS

**Cristina Moreno Lozano** (University of Edinburgh, UK)  
*The "Hospital consciente" of its own resistant microbes: From historical to ethnographic approaches and back (and forth...)*

**Fiona Morgan Mazeau** (Université Paris Cité, France)  
*Writing a history of women's health and care through medical objects. Application of such an approach through a case study on puerperal fever*

**Tobias Hofstetter** (Université de Genève/Université de Lausanne, Switzerland)  
*Quantifying the Impact of Respiratory Illnesses and Airborne Diseases on Swiss Mortality (13<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> Century): A Holistic, Diachronic Approach Based on Primary and Secondary Historical, Medical and Bioarchaeological Material*

## 17:00 BREAK AND DINNER

## 20:00 FILM SESSION AND PROJECTION

**Christian Bonah** and **Joël Danet** (Université de Strasbourg),  
**Guillaume Linte** (Université de Genève)  
*Investigating and tracing infectious diseases: a view from health prevention films*

## WEDNESDAY 7 JUNE

### 09:00-12:00 SEMINAR SESSION 2

#### MAKING OLD STUFF TALK. MEDICAL COLLECTIONS AND ARCHAEOGENETICS

**Tricia Close-Koenig** and **Déborah Dubald** (Université de Strasbourg)  
*Materiality in anatomy collections and pathology archives: Sourcing and tracing specimens*

**Vincent Zvenigorosky** (Université de Strasbourg)  
*Using DNA from pathology collection specimens to trace the vectors of disease*

### 12:15 LUNCH

### 13:00 DEPARTURE FROM THE BROCHER FOUNDATION

**13:30 BUS AND BOAT TRIP TO THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE MUSEUM, GENEVA**  
*Dermatology and HIV medical interns join us for the afternoon.*

### 15:00 MUSEUM SESSION

#### MOULAGES AS ARTEFACTS OF KNOWLEDGE TRANSMISSION

**Laurence-Isaline Stahl-Gretsch** (History of science museum, Geneva) and **Laurence Toutous-Trellu** (Geneva University Hospital)  
*Wax moulages: museography and clinical practice perspective*

**Alexandre Wenger, Christophe Lamy** and **Julien Da Costa** (Université de Genève)  
*Syphilis: From wax moulages to 3D scans*

### 16:00-17:00 FILM SESSION

**Joël Danet** and **Christian Bonah** (Université de Strasbourg)  
*“D’après nature”. Moulages in syphilis prevention films*

### 17:00-18:00 PUBLIC LECTURE

**Eva Åhrén** (Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, Sweden)  
*Diseases in Wax: Moulages and the Circulation of Medical Knowledge*

### 18:15 COCKTAIL

*Bus back to Brocher.*





## THURSDAY 8 JUNE

### 9:00-11:00 SEMINAR SESSION 3

#### NEVERENDING DISEASES IN GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

**Jean-Paul Gaudillière** (CERMES 3, EHESS, Paris)

*Tracing the failed epidemiological transition in the global South. International health, never-ending (communicable) and never-targeted (non-communicable) diseases*

### 11:00-12:00 PARTICIPANT PRESENTATIONS

**Sudip Saha** (Assam University, India)

*Locating the Vector: The Political Economy of Malaria in Assam Tea Plantations (North Eastern India), 1898-1930*

**Jules Villa** (Sciences Po, Paris, France)

*On Ebola's trail: Investigating the origins of Ebola outbreaks in Northeastern DRC*

### 12:00 LUNCH

### 13:30-15:00 PARTICIPANT PRESENTATIONS

**Mathilde Le Vu** (University of Zurich, Switzerland)

*Determinants of neonatal health in Lausanne at the beginning of the twentieth century, with a specific focus on the 1918-1919 Influenza pandemic*

**Giacomo Simoncelli** (Sapienza University of Rome, Italy)

*Influenza Statistics and the Evolution of the ICD*

**Nolwenn Quiquemelle** (Université de Strasbourg)

*History of vasectomy in France from 1975 to 2001, the example of Nantes*

### 15:00 COFFEE BREAK

### 15:30-17:00 PARTICIPANT PRESENTATIONS

**Olufunke Adegoke** (University of Ibadan, Nigeria)

*Historical Trajectory of the Metamorphosis in Medicine: Therapeutic Pathways in the Management and Treatment of Illness*

**Susan Iseyen** (Princeton University, USA)

*Images of the "Leprous Body" in Silent Documentary Drama*

**Felix Deckx** (Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium)

*Sulfones, Sickness and Segregation? The Landscapes of Leprosy Care in Congo (1930-1970)*

**17:00 KEYNOTE LECTURE**

**Maria Van Kerkhove** (WHO, Health Emergency Program, Technical Lead for COVID-19, Head of the Emerging Diseases and Zoonoses Unit)  
*Preparing for the next pandemic, while still in one : WHO's approach for Strengthening the Global Architecture for Health Emergency Preparedness, Response & Resilience*

**19:00 DINNER**

**21:00 FILM SESSION**

**A VIEW FROM ELSEWHERE: ANTI-VENEREAL PREVENTION FILMS FROM SOVIET UNION, 1960S AND 1970S**

Commentator: **Korine Amacher** (Université de Genève)

**FRIDAY 9 JUNE**

**8:30-11:30 SEMINAR SESSION 4**

**ACCOUNTING FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASE. STATISTICS, NUMBERS, AND TESTS**

**Theodore Porter** (University of California Los Angeles, USA)  
*Genetic ratios, medical numbers and big data tracing heredity in the madhouse*

**11:30 COFFEE BREAK**

**12:00-13:00 ROUNDTABLE**

Chaired by **Janina Kehr** (University of Vienna, Austria).  
With **Joël Danet**, **Anna Harris**, **Christos Lynteris**, **Ted Porter**.

**13:00 LUNCH**

**14:00 DEPARTURE**

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