

Cultural Systems of Classification: Sickness, Health and Local Biologies

Interdisciplinary Approaches to the Study of Medical Cultures in Anthropology and the Historical Sciences

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Monday, 6 June 2016

10.00 *Coffee and registration*

Morning Session

10.30 – 11.00

1.1 Introduction – Cultural Classifications of Illness and “Local” Epistemologies
Ulrike Steinert

11.00–11.40

1.2 Classifications of Illnesses in the Hippocratic Corpus
Philip van der Eijk (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)

11.40–12.00 *Coffee break*

12.00 –12.40

1.3 The Delicacy of the Rabbinic “Asthenes”: Sickness, Weakness or Self-indulgence?
Aaron Amit (Bar-Ilan University, Jerusalem)

12.40–14.10 *Lunch*

Afternoon Session

14.10–14.50

1.4 Ancient Egyptian Prescriptions for the Back and the Abdomen and Their Broader Context
Juliane Unger (Heidelberg)

14.50–15.30

1.5 Types of Diagnoses in Papyrus Ebers and Smith
Susanne Radestock (Leipzig)

15.30 – 16.00 *Afternoon tea*

1.6 Key Note Lecture

16.00–17.00

Jean-Pierre Olivier de Sardan (Niamey/EHESS Marseille)

18.00 – 20.30 *Conference Dinner*

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Tuesday, 7 June 2016

9.30–10.00 *Morning coffee*

Morning Session

9.30–10.00–10.40

Orchard Twigs as Recipe for ‘Contagious Corpses’? Diverse Biologies in a Song Chinese Formula
Text

Elisabeth Hsu (Oxford)

10.40–11.20

The Tree of Nosology in Tibetan Medicine
Katharina Sabernig (Vienna)

11.20–11.40 *Coffee break*

11.40–12.20 Reasoning With the Insides: Reconsidering the Problem of “Mental Diseases”
in Ancient Mesopotamia
Erica Couto-Ferreira (Heidelberg/Rome)

12.20–13.00

2.4 Experiences of the Dead in Ancient Egyptian Healing Texts
Rune Nyord (Cambridge)

13.00 – 14.30 *Lunch*

Afternoon Session

14.30–15.10

2.5 ‘The Paradise of Wisdom’: Complex Classifications in the First Medical Encyclopaedia in Arabic
Lucia Raggetti (Freie Universität Berlin)

15.10–15.50

2.6 Roman Perspectives of Health: Gardens and Sensory Experiences
Patricia Baker (University of Kent)

15.50–16.30 Conclusion

(Ulrike Steinert and Markham J. Geller)

16.30 *High Tea*

2.7 Dahlem Seminar Lecture, TOPOI Excellence Cluster

18.15–19.30 Performing the King’s Watch: Celestial Observation and Scholars at the Assyrian Court
Lorenzo Verderame (Rome)

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