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Cultural Systems of Classification: Sickness, Health and Local Biologies

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Monday, 6 June 2016

10.00 Coffee and Registration

Morning Session
10.30 – 11.00
Introduction – Cultural Classifications of Illness and “Local” Epistemologies
Ulrike Steinert (Freie Universität Berlin)
11.00 – 11.40
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
The Delicacy of the Rabbinic “Asthenes”: Sickness, Weakness or Self-indulgence?
Aaron Amit (Bar-Ilan University Ramat Gan)
12.40 – 14.10 Lunch

Afternoon Session
14.10 – 14.50
Ancient Egyptian Prescriptions for the Back and the Abdomen and Their Broader Context
Juliane Unger (University of Heidelberg)
14.50 – 15.30
Types of Diagnoses in Papyrus Ebers and Smith
Susanne Radestock (University of Leipzig)
15.30 – 16.00 Afternoon Tea

Key Note Lecture
16.00 – 17.00
On the Pluralism of Popular Logics Concerning Illness: Naming, Imputing, Classifying, Not Knowing … Some Inputs from Sahelian Africa
Jean-Pierre Olivier de Sardan (Niamey/EHESS Marseille)
18.00 – 20.30 Conference Dinner

Tuesday, 7 June 2016

9.30 Coffee

Morning Session
10.00 – 10.40
Orchard Twigs as Recipe for ‘Contagious Corpses’? Diverse Biologies in a Song Chinese Formula Text
Elisabeth Hsu (University of Oxford)
10.40 – 11.20
The Tree of Nosology in Tibetan Medicine
Katharina Sabernig (University of 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 (University of Heidelberg)
12.20 – 13.00
Experiences of the Dead in Ancient Egyptian Healing Texts
Rune Nyord (University of Cambridge)
13.00 – 14.30 Lunch

Afternoon Session
14.30 – 15.10
‘The Paradise of Wisdom’: Complex Classifications in the First Medical Encyclopaedia in Arabic
Lucia Raggetti (Freie Universität Berlin)
15.10 – 15.50
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 – 18.00 High Tea

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 (Sapienza University Rome)