Colonial Subjects of Health and Difference: Races, Populations, Diversities

Preliminary Workshop Program
June 11-13, 2012
Max Planck Institute for the History of Science
Boltzmannstr. 22
Main Seminar Room

Monday June 11

14:00-14:30 Welcome, Intro
Sandra Widmer and Veronika Lipphardt, Research Group Historicizing Knowledge about Human Biological Diversity in the 20th Century, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin

14:30-15:45 Keynote Lecture
Herrenburg, 1929: Turning Aboriginal ‘Primitives’ into Modern Psychological Subjects
Warwick Anderson, Department of History, University of Sydney

Coffee Break

16:00-18:00 Panel I
Diversities in Administrative Categories: Recruiting Labour and Defining Legal Status
Chair: Joanna Radin, School of Medicine, Yale University

16:00-16:30 Indo-Europeans and Race-Mixing: Defining the “Indo” in the Dutch East Indies and Beyond
Hans Pols, Unit for History and Philosophy of Science, University of Sydney

16:30-17:00 Classifying Colonial Subjects for Health Purposes
Julie Park and Judith Littleton, Department of Anthropology, University of Auckland

17:00-17:30 Whose “Pleasant Island”? German colonial endeavours in governing the populations of Nauru, 1888-1914
Antje Kühnast, School of Humanities, University of New South Wales

17:30-18:00 Discussion

Tuesday June 12

9:30-9:45 Reflections on previous day
Carlos Lopez Beltran, Instituto de Investigaciones Filosóficas, UNAM

9:45-11:15 Panel II
Diversities in Explanations and Method: Health Status of Populations I
Chair: Daniel Walther, Department of History, Wartburg College, Iowa

9:45-10:15 Cancer during the Colonial Period in Francophone Africa
Jean-Paul Bado, Institute of African Studies, University of Aix-en-Provence
10:15-10:45 Race, Health and Colonial Politics of the Third Reich: the Nauck and Giemsa’s Expedition to Espírito Santo, Brazil, 1936
André Felipe Cândido da Silva, Department of History of Science and Health, Oswaldo Cruz Foundation, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro

10:45-11:15 Discussion

Coffee Break

11:30-13:00 Panel III
Diversities in Explanations and Method: Health Status of Populations II
Chair: Christine Winter, School of History, Philosophy, Religion and Classics, University of Queensland, Australia

11:30-12:00 Medical Mission, Racial Visions: Fighting Sleeping Sickness in Colonial Africa
Sarah Ehlers, Collaborative Research Centre Representations of Social Order in Transition, Humboldt University Berlin

12:00-12:30 Racializing Malaria and its Vectors: Producing Difference in Colonial and Military Medicine in the New Hebrides (Vanuatu)
Jean Mitchell, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Prince Edward Island

12:30-13:00 Discussion

Lunch at MPIWG

Wednesday June 13

9:30-9:45 Reflections on previous day
Ricardo Ventura Santos, National Museum, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, and National School of Public Health, Oswaldo Cruz Foundation, Brazil.

9:45-11:15 Panel IV
Food Supplies and the Classification of Difference: Governing Populations, Nutrition and Political Economy
Chair: J. Emmanuel Raymundo, University of Pennsylvania

9:45-10:15 The 'rice-eaters', the colonial policies and the international nutrition organizations' scientists: classification, salvation and bio-sociological interpretation of the colonial man
Maria Leticia Bizzo, Oswaldo Cruz Foundation, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro

10:15-10:45 The Gender of Malnutrition in the AOF: Nutritional Science and the Evasion of Political Economy
Barbara M. Cooper, Center for African Studies, Rutgers University

10:45-11:15 Discussion

Coffee Break
11:30-13:00  **Panel V**  
*Difference and the Fertility of Populations: The Colonial Regulation of Reproduction*  
Chair: Samuel Coghe, European University Institute Florence

11:30-12:00  *Low Fertility and the High Bride Price: Imbalanced Sex-Ratios, Human Variation and the Colonial Regulation of Reproduction in the New Hebrides (Vanuatu)*  
Sandra Widmer, MPIWG Berlin

11:30-12:30  *German Colonial Interventions into Birthing and Abortion Practices & The Quest for Control of Population in East Africa*  
Daniel Bendix, Institute for Development Policy and Management, University of Manchester

12:30-13:00  Discussion

13:00-14:30 Lunch

14:30-16:00  **Panel VI**  
*The Methodological Significance of Diversities: Statistics, Biomedicine and the (Re-)Making of Difference*  
Chair: Susanne Bauer, Faculty of Social Sciences, Goethe University Frankfurt a.M.

14:30-15:00  *Racial Proximity, Anxiety of Empire: Biomedicine, Female Deviancy, and the Making of the Colonial Body in Korea under Japanese Rule (1910-1945)*  
Jin-kyung Park, Department of Humanities, University of Toronto

15:00-15:30  *Criminal Subjects of Knowledge: Race into Region in Twentieth Century Egypt*  
Omnia El Shakry, Department of History, University of California, Davis

15:30-16:00  Discussion

16:00-16:30  Coffee Break

16:30-17:30 Final Discussion

Katharina Schramm, Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, Martin-Luther-University, Halle-Wittenberg  
Warwick Anderson, Department of History, University of Sydney