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**Medicine and the Other**

The Issue of Difference in Medical Knowledge and Practice of the 19th and 20th Centuries

Mainz, Germany, October 6 - 7, 2016
In cooperation between the Graduate School Life Sciences – Life Writing, the Research Unit Historical Cultural Sciences, and the Institute for History, Theory, and Ethics in Medicine at Johannes Gutenberg University, we are delighted to announce an international conference on the historical relationship between medical expertise and people marked as “others”. These “others” were people who, as carriers of certain phenomena, became confronted with medical knowledge, practices, professionals, and/or institutions. Using case studies, the conference participants will discuss the historical transformation of negotiation processes between such groups and medical professionals, asking: What contacts existed between the respective sides, how did they function and develop over time? How did they then contribute to the shaping of identities, medical knowledge, and practice? Which similarities and differences in handling “other” people in medicine can be found between the specific cases? Which conclusions do these findings allow for cultural historiographies of the 19th and 20th centuries? Apart from discussing specific case studies, the conference will also be a forum for theoretical and methodological aspects. In this way, the conference aims to contribute to the cultural history of dealing with “diversity”, not least in order to enrich current debates about “diversity” and “equality”.

**Program**

**October 6, 2016**

9.00 – 9.30: Welcome address
9.30 – 10.00: Introduction
“Others” in the 19th and 20th Centuries
Livia Prüll (Mainz), Ylva Söderfeldt (Berlin)

10.00 – 12.45: Communications from the “Others”
“An Anthropologist from Mars”
Mita Banerjee (Mainz)

10.45 -11.15: Coffee break
„My Nervousness“
Horst Gruner and Wim Peeters (Hagen)

Communication through Body (Re)Presentations
Boris Traue and Anja Schünzel (Lüneburg)

12.45 – 14.30: Lunch break
14.30 – 16.45: Becoming a patient in the 19th and 20th centuries
Knowing and Being Known
Ylva Söderfeldt (Berlin).
“The most important part”
Oliver Falk (Berlin)

Who knows: Patient Expertise in the Internet Era
Kristin Barker (Albuquerque)

19.00: Conference dinner

**October 7, 2016**

9.30 – 12.30: Medicine and embodied difference in the 19th and 20th centuries
Conflicts of Interests?
Anja Werner (Halle)
Brain-Uterus Competitions
Anita Wohlmann (Mainz)
The Speculum of Wonder Women
Dana Mahr (Geneva)

12.30 – 14.00: Lunch break
14.00 – 16.15: Medicine and social identities in the 19th and 20th centuries
Medical and Sexological Approaches to Defining Homosexuality in the 19th and 20th Centuries
Martin Lücke (Berlin)
Transidency in the 20th Century
Livia Prüll (Mainz)
From Virgin Soil Populations to Participatory Health Research
Per Axelsson and Anna-Lill Drugge (Umeå)

16.15 – ca. 17.00: Final discussion
c. a. 17.00: End of conference