

The twenty-first century has thus far been marked by emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases: malaria, SARS, FMD, avian flu, HIV, MDR-tuberculosis, MERS-CoV and dengue pose some of the greatest challenges to health care worldwide.

As the example of SARS has illustrated, cities, with their high population density, complex human-animal interfaces and global connectivity, seem to play a crucial role in the emergence, distribution, and management of pathogens. Rising poverty and often poor sanitary conditions provide a fertile breeding ground for infectious disease outbreaks. Research on the complexity of disease ecologies has shown how urban areas and their hinterlands integrate each other mutually through processes of exchange and change: norms, standards and regulations as well as flows of commodities, animals, water, people and pathogens intermingle within and among cities, questioning any attempt to understand the urban as bounded or determinate space. These flows assemble the city as a place of becoming and uncertainty. Furthermore, the messy nature of globalised infectious disease aetiologies not only poses a threat to numerous city dwellers worldwide, but might contest conventional models of urban health governance, its institutional routines and norms.

Given the complexity and fragmentation of these epidemic entanglements, serious questions remain: How do categories of space, the urban or the local impact on the way public health thinks about infectious disease control? How are human-animal-pathogen interfaces enacted differently in various contexts? How are current ontological conceptions of the city reconfigured by locating biological agents inside the social production of urban space?

The interdisciplinary conference aims to open up the interrelation between cities and infectious disease as a focal point of interest for the social, medical and political sciences.

#### VENUE

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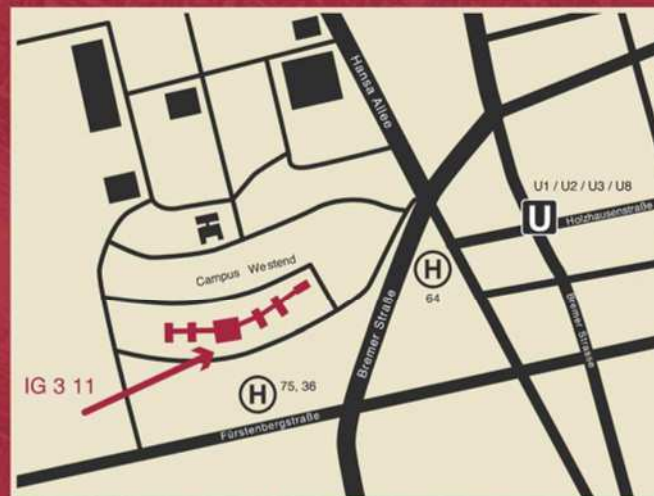
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# EPIDEMIC ENTANGLEMENTS

EXPLORING THE INTERRELATION BETWEEN  
CITIES AND INFECTIOUS DISEASE

INTERDISCIPLINARY CONFERENCE  
24TH – 25TH JULY 2014

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## THURSDAY 24TH JULY

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11:00 Registration

12:30 Welcome (Iwo Amelung, Dean of the Faculty)  
Introduction (Meike Wolf, Kevin Hall,  
Goethe University Frankfurt / Main)

### SESSION 1 – DISEASE ECOLOGIES (CHAIR: MEIKE WOLF)

13:00 The politics of entanglement in urban  
Nicaragua's dengue epidemics  
(Alex Nading, Franklin & Marshall College)

13:30 Typhoid fever: the murderous product of the  
natural, settlement and disease ecologies  
that developed in nineteenth century Prahran  
(Natasha Szuhán, University of Melbourne)

14:00 Beyond bioinsecurities? Reflections on  
endemic human-virus relations  
(Beth Greenhough, Queen Mary  
University of London)

14:30 Coffee break

### SESSION 2 – IMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH (CHAIR: BRITTA LUNDGREN)

14:45 Resistant bodies: local biologies of malaria  
and the question of resistance/immunity  
(Uli Beisel, University of Bayreuth)

15:15 Standardization of vaccination in the context  
of democratization of expertise (Els Geelen,  
Klasien Horstmann, Hans van Vliet,  
Pieter de Hoogh, Maastricht University)

15:45 Disease securing and stigmatisation during  
the 2005-2007 chikungunya epidemic in  
Réunion (Karine Aasgaard Jansen,  
Umeå University)

16:15 Coffee break

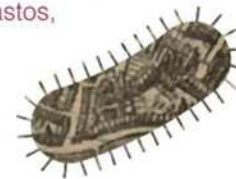
### SESSION 3 – POLITICS OF INCLUSION / POLITICS OF EXCLUSION (CHAIR: ANDREW DONALDSON)

16:30 Biosecurity and the city. Post-SARS Hong  
Kong and the governing of un/healthy  
bodies (Henning Füller, Friedrich-Alexander-  
Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg)

17:00 Buenos Aires at the time of cholera.  
1867-1869. Fear, piety and urban space  
(Antonio Carbone, Center for Metropolitan  
Studies TU Berlin)

17:30 Brothels, hostals and hospitals:  
the city streets of syphilis in early 20th  
century Lisbon (Cristiana Bastos,  
University of Lisbon)

19:30 Conference dinner



## FRIDAY 25TH JULY

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### SESSION 4 – ARTICULATIONS OF EMERGENCE (CHAIR: KEVIN HALL)

09:00 Emerging infectious diseases: challenges for  
understanding and communication of risks  
(Márcia Grisotti, Federal University of Santa  
Catarina)

09:30 Commerce or containment? Avian flu and  
the politics of poultry market closures in  
Hanoi (Natalie Porter, University of New  
Hampshire)

10:00 Perspectives and problems of digital  
epidemiology (Klaus Scheuermann,  
Leon Hempel, Edward Velasco, Tim  
Eckmanns, Human Technology Lab TU Berlin/  
Robert Koch Institute)

10:30 Hong Kong as a sentinel post for pandemic  
flu (Frédéric Keck, Laboratoire d'anthropologie  
sociale / Musée du quai Branly)

11:00 Coffee break

### SESSION 5 – BIOSECURITY AND PREPAREDNESS (CHAIR: ULI BEISEL)

11:30 Cities in an age of biosecurity:  
infrastructures, ecologies and assemblage  
(Andrew Donaldson, Newcastle University)

12:00 The object of regulation:  
tending the tensions of food safety  
(Nick Bingham, Open University)

12:30 Zombie survival: preparing for and acting  
upon imagined epidemics (Maximilian  
Mehner, Philipps-Universität Marburg)

13:00 Lunch

### SESSION 6 – INTERNATIONAL LAW AND GLOBAL HEALTH (CHAIR: HENNING FÜLLER)

13:45 Back to the League of Nations – evaluation  
of the environmental regime and the  
campaign against diseases and plagues:  
1919–1939 (Omer Aloni, Tel Aviv University)

14:15 Regulating epidemic space: the nomos  
of global circulation (Sven Opitz,  
Universität Hamburg)

14:45 Wrap up

15:00 End

