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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



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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”.

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## Program

### October 6, 2016

#### **9.00 – 9.30: Welcome address**

#### **9.30 – 10.00: Introduction**

*Parallel Worlds and Social Hierarchy – “Others” in the 19- and 20- Centuries* – Livia Prüll (Mainz), Ylva Söderfeldt (Berlin)

#### **10.00 – 12.45: Communications from the “Others”**

*“An Anthropologist from Mars”* – Temple Grandin, Oliver Sacks, and Narratives about Autism between Life Sciences and Life Writing – Mita Banerjee (Mainz)

#### **10.45 -11.15: Coffee break**

*“My Nervousness”* – *The Autobiographical Case Construction of Otherness Among Peers in Neurasthenia Self-Help Literature around 1900* – Horst Gruner and Wim Peeters (Hagen)

*Communication through Body (Re)Presentations: Pro Ana and Fat Acceptance* – Boris Traue (Lüneburg)

#### **12.45 – 14.30: Lunch break**

#### **14.30 – 16.45: Becoming a patient in the 19- and 20- centuries**

*Knowing and Being Known: The German Hay Fever Federation 1897-1968* – Ylva Söderfeldt (Berlin).

*“The most important part”* – *The Narrative of the „Intelligent Patient“ in Diabetes Therapy (1870-1950)* – Oliver Falk (Berlin)

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

#### **19.00: Conference dinner**

### October 7, 2016

#### **9.30 – 12.15: Medicine and embodied difference in the 19- and 20- centuries**

*Conflicts of Interests? The Otorhinolaryngologist and the Sign-Language- Using Deaf Patient in Historical Perspective*  
– Anja Werner (Halle)

*Brain-Uterus Competitions: Renegotiating the Female Body through ‚Medical‘ Metaphors* – Anita Wohlmann (Mainz)

#### **11.00-11.30: Coffee break**

*The Speculum of Wonder Women. The long lasting decolonization of women’s bodies in the 1970s and today* – Dana Mahr (Geneva)

#### **12.15 – 14.00: Lunch break**

#### **14.00 – 16.15: Medicine and social identities in the 19- and 20- centuries**

*Medical and Sexological Approaches to Defining*

*Homosexuality in the 19- and 20- Centuries* – The Role of Biographical Knowledge – Martin Lücke (Berlin)

*Transidentity in the 20- Century – The Life of Roberta Cowell as a Case study* – Livia Prüll (Mainz)

*From Virgin Soil Populations to Participatory Health Research*

Per Axelsson (Umeå)

#### **16.15 – ca. 17.00: Final discussion**

#### **ca. 17.00: End of conference**