



RESEARCH NETWORKING PROGRAMME
STANDARD DRUGS AND DRUG STANDARDS (DRUGS)

Workshop

The view from below: On standards in clinical practice and clinical research

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The workshop focuses on the ways of how standards in drug therapy and clinical drug research emerged since the mid of 20th century. Recent studies in history, anthropology and sociology have often focused on the impact of constructing standards in medical practice. Mostly, they have analysed how clinical practices as well as the relations, perspectives and the agency of actors (for instance of patients) were transformed by these standards (Timmermans/Berg 2003). In contrast to the 'top down' perspective our workshop aims to take the analytical approach from the practice. The focus is on the emergence and construction of – often implicit – standards out of the concrete settings of bedside observation, clinical research, and patient treatment. This approach will also examine the different positions and scopes of influence of actors as well as the negotiation processes between them.

The talks will address the following issues and questions: Which implicit processes of standardisation can be observed during this period – processes of standardizing terminology, concepts, and classifications as well as note-taking, recording practices, and data processing? What were the conditions under which routines in diagnostics or therapeutic schemas (for instance drug cocktails) became established, or how were certain research approaches accepted by the scientific community? How were guidelines constructed for diagnostics, therapy, and research?

agenda:

Thursday, 15.09.2011			
10:00	Start of Conference		
	Welcome and Introduction		
10:00-10:30	Volker Ulrike	Hess Klöppel	
<i>Session I:</i>	Reflections		
10:30-11:30	Edison	Bicudo	<i>Adapting clinical protocols: standardization and un-standardization in global trials</i>
<i>Session II:</i>	Clinical Experiences		
11:30-12:30	Alexandre	Marchant	<i>Providing the street junkies with methadone in France and the Netherlands in the 1980's: the role of local experiences from below in the making of the harm reduction standardized model</i>
	<i>Lunch break</i>		
14:00-15:00	Peter	Ansari	<i>The introduction of antidepressants in Germany – 1945 to 1968</i>
	<i>Coffee break</i>		
<i>Session III:</i>	Scales I		
15:30-16:30	Michael	Worboys	<i>The Hamilton Rating Scale for Depression (HDRS): The making of a 'Gold Standard', 1960-1980</i>
16:30-17:30	Duncan	Wilson	<i>Quantifying the 'Quiet Epidemic': constructing the Blessed Dementia Scale in 1960s Britain</i>
	<i>Conference Dinner</i>		

Friday, 16.09.2011			
	<i>Session IV:</i>	Scales II	
10:00-11:00	Carsten	Timmermann	<i>'Just give me the best quality of life questionnaire': the Karnofsky Scale and the objectivity of the subjective in cancer chemotherapy</i>
11:00-12:00	Stephanie	Snow	<i>New paradigms, new practices: the ROSIER Scale and the introduction of thrombolytic treatments for acute stroke</i>
<i>Lunch break</i>			
	<i>Session V:</i>	Marketing	
13:30-14:30	Ulrike	Thoms	<i>The view from outside and the view from below. The implementation of Insulin as standard diabetes treatment</i>
14:30-15:30	Jean-Paul	Gaudillière	<i>Scientific marketing and the redefinition of depression: Geigy, antidepressants and psychiatrists in 1960s France and Germany</i>
<i>Coffee break</i>			
	Comments		
16:00-16:30	Axel	Hüntelmann	
16:30-17:00	Valerie	Harrington	
17:00-17:30	<i>Final discussion</i>		
17:30	End of Conference		

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