

**TRANSNATIONAL HISTORY OF AN “EXEMPLARY” DISEASE:
SILICOSIS IN THE XXth century**

**WISSENSCHAFTSZENTRUM BERLIN FÜR SOZIALFORSCHUNG
11-12 December 2008**

Conference committee :

Dieter Gosewinkel (Social Science Research Center Berlin WZB), Volker Hess (Charité Berlin), Martin Lengwiler (University of Basel), Paul-André Rosental (EHESS-INED Paris)

Thursday 11 December 2008

6:00-8:00

Roundtable: Silicosis as a transnational disease

Introducing speakers: Martin Lengwiler, Joe Melling, Paul-André Rosental, Bernard Thomann.

Chairs: Dieter Gosewinkel and Volker Hess.

Friday 12 December

9:00-10:30

Pioneering countries and transnational recognitions: The South Africa / United Kingdom connexion around 1900

Introducing speakers: Joe Melling and Jock McCulloch

10:45-12:30

Compensating and defining: The effect of the compensation system for occupational diseases on the recognition of silicosis (1919-1945)

Introducing speakers: Martin Lengwiler, Joe Melling, Paul-André Rosental.

12:30

Lunch

1:45-3:30

Minimizing the compensation cost of silicosis over the 20th century: comparative perspectives

Introducing speakers: Joe Melling, Martin Lengwiler, Paul-André Rosental

3:30-5:15

Techniques of prevention in the 20th century

Introducing speakers: Eric Geerkens and Martin Lengwiler

5:30-7:15

Conflicting knowledge on silicosis (20th century)

Introducing speakers : Alberto Baldasseroni, Francesco Carnevale, Martin Lengwiler, Paul-André Rosental.

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Attendance at the conference will be free of charge; however the number of participants will be limited. People interested in participating at the conference should contact Stefanie Voth, Institute for the History of Medicine, Charité Berlin, *by the 24h of November 2008* (stefanie.voth@charite.de).