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## **Measures of Future Health Techno-science, Signification, Ethics**

Berlin, 8 - 9 October 2016

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### **Participants**

Abou Farman (NSSR), Celia Lowe (UW), Julie Livingston (NYU), Katharina Schramm (LOST), Miriam Ticktin (NSSR), Richard Rottenburg (LOST), Sandra Calkins (LOST), Songji Park (LOST), Susan Erikson (Vancouver), Uli Beisel (LOST), Vincent Duclos (McGill).

### **Topic**

Future doom has become the most prominent trope of the now popular notion of the anthropocene. Doom, of course, is the result of evidence-making on human health, the environment and climate change; via related infrastructures, this same evidence has been used to guide human action, which in turn has had a massive impact on (what has come to be presented as) health and the environment at the beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The workshop “Measures of Future Health” is not meant to infuse these issues with undue optimism, nor indeed underline the pessimism. Rather the aspiration is to examine more concretely how measurements, predictions and evidence build particular futures and healths; how these practices and logics affect the notion of health and its capacity to incorporate, or exclude, various human groups and the health of other animal species, plants, or environmental phenomena. At the same time, we wish to explore how new notions of future health transform ideas of justice and alternative social arrangements. We intend to inquire into the conditions of possibility for imagining and making ethical and political claims on these futures.

### **Format**

Each participant will have a 60 minute slot divided this way:

- 15 min presentation of the Paper
- 30 min for discussion and contributions from the participants
- 15 min break

## Program

**Saturday, 8 October 2016**

### **Axis 1: Life, Care and Multiple Ontologies**

- 9:00 – 9:30 Introduction  
Richard Rottenburg, LOST & Abou Farman, NSSR
- 9:30 – 10:30 Immortality,  
Abou Farman, NSSR
- 10:30– 11:30 Futuring the Good Life: Addressing Political Subjectivity in  
Contemporary South Africa  
Katharina Schramm, LOST
- 11:30 – 12:30 Care and Multiple Ontologies,  
Richard Rottenburg, LOST
- 12:30 – 14:00 *Lunch Break*

### **Axis 3: Governing Futures of Health**

- 14:00 – 15:00 Performing Futures: The Financialization of Global Health  
Susan Erikson, Simon Fraser University Vancouver
- 15:00 – 16:00 Caring for the Impenetrable: On the Digital Anticipation of Viral Life  
Vincent Duclos, McGill University
- 16:00 – 17:00 Relations of Catastrophe in Indonesia: A Portrait of a Health Minister  
During an Influenza Outbreak,  
Celia Lowe, University of Washington
- 17:00 – 18:00 What is a good measure? Practices of measuring and valuing  
healthcare after EVD epidemics in Uganda and Sierra Leone,  
Songi Park, LOST
- 19:00 *Dinner*

**Sunday, 9 October 2016**

**Axis 2: Post-human and Cross-species Health**

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| 9:00 – 10:00  | One Health: Toward Post-Humanist Care?<br>Miriam Ticktin, NCSR   |
| 10:00 – 11:00 | One Health(y) Future? Entanglements of Health and Agriculture;<br>Past, Present and Future in Insect Control in Ghana,<br>Uli Beisel, LOST |
| 11:00 – 12:00 | Rethinking Health through Bananas and their Eaters,<br>Sandra Calkins, LOST  |
| 12:00 – 14:00 | <i>Lunch Break</i>   |
| 14:00 – 15:00 | Cattle/Beef -- Developmentalism as Self-Consuming Growth in<br>Botswana<br>Julie Livingston, New York University                           |
| 15:00 – 16:00 | Conclusion Workshop  |