Measures of Future Health
Techno-science, Signification, Ethics

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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 21st 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**

9:00 – 10:00  
One Health: Toward Post-Humanist Care?  
Miriam Ticktin, NSSR

10:00 – 11:00  
One Health(y) Future? Entanglements of Health and Agriculture; Past, Present and Future in Insect Control in Ghana,  
Uli Beisel, LOST

11:00 – 12:00  
Rethinking Health through Bananas and their Eaters,  
Sandra Calkins, LOST

12:00 – 14:00  
*Lunch Break*

14:00 – 15:00  
Cattle/Beef -- Developmentalism as Self-Consuming Growth in Botswana  
Julie Livingston, New York University

15:00 – 16:00  
Conclusion Workshop