Interdisciplinary Winter School
Integration and Translation in Systems Medicine
Hamburg, February 1-5, 2016
Organizational Matters

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Walk out of the train station and cross the street to reach the bus stop. Take either bus 4 bound for Eidelstedter Platz or Wildacker or 5 bound for Burgwedel or Nedderfeld to Grindelhof (this is the second stop after you entered the bus at Dammtor). From the bus stop turn left and cross the street Grindelallee. Enter Rentzelstraße and walk 400 meter to the intersection where you can see the Heinrich-Hertz-Tower. The hotel is on the right (Schröderstiftstrasse 3).
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Take train S1 bound for Ohlsdorf and transfer at Ohlsdorf to train U1 bound for Großhansdorf, Farmen or Ohlstedt. Transfer at Stephansplatz to either bus 4 bound for Eidelstedter Platz or Wildacker or bus 5 bound for Burgwedel or Nedderfeld to Grindelhof. From the bus stop turn left and cross the street Grindelallee. Enter Rentzelstraße and walk 400 meter to the intersection where you can see the Heinrich-Hertz-Tower. The hotel is on the right (Schröder-stiftstrasse 3).

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Walk down the street Rentzelstraße, away from the Heinrich-Hertz-Tower, to the bus stop Grindelhof in the middle of the street. Take bus 5 in the direction of Burgwedel to Siemers Platz. Walk back towards Siemersplatz, at the intersection turn left and enter Osterfeldstrasse. Follow the street for about 650 metre and turn right into Lottestraße. The building of the Research Centre (Lottestrasse 55) is on the left after 150 metre. The research centre is on the second floor.

You can also transfer at Siemersplatz to bus 22 in the direction of Kellinghusenstraße. Leave the bus at the bus stop Offakamp (only one stop). Follow the street Osterfeldstrasse about 30 metres and turn right into Lottestrasse. The building of the Research Center (Lottestrasse 55) is on the left after 150 metre. The research centre is on the second floor.
From Hamburg Main Station (“Hauptbahnhof”)

At the Main Station you take the train \( \text{U1} \) in the Direction of *Norderstedt Mitte* and transfer at *Kellinghusenstraße* to bus \( \text{22} \) in the direction of *Blankenese*. Leave the bus at the bus stop *Offakamp*. Go about 30 metres back on *Osterfeldstraße*, cross the street and enter into *Lottestrasse*. The building of the Research Centre (Lottestrasse 55) is on the left after 150 metre. The research centre is on the second floor.

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Walk out of the train station and cross the street to reach the bus stop. Take bus \( \text{5} \) bound for *Burgwedel* or *Nedderfeld* to *Siemersplatz* (this takes about 15 minutes after you entered the bus at Dammtor). Go about 30 metres back towards Siemersplatz, at the intersection turn left and enter *Osterfeldstrasse*. After 650 metres turn right into the street Lottestrasse. Follow the street for about 650 metre and turn right into *Lottestraße*. The building of the Research Center (Lottestr. 55) is on the left after 150 metre. The research centre is on the second floor.
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Local Public Transport, Accommodation & Dinner

Local Public Transport

On Sunday 31st, you will receive 5 daysaver tickets for using local public transport (HVV) at the hotel reception.

Accommodation

Rooms are already booked for you at

Mercure Hotel Hamburg Mitte
Schroederstiftstr. 3
20146 HAMBURG - GERMANY
Tel: (+49)40/450690 - Fax: (+49)40/450691000
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Dinner

Sunday, January 31, 7pm
Abaton-Bistro (district: Grindel)
Bar/Restaurant/Cinema (walking distance from the hotel)
Grindelhof 14A, 20146 Hamburg
phone: (+49) (0)40 41 32 03 20
http://www.abaton.de/

Monday, February 1, 6pm
Schönes Leben (district: Speicherstadt)
Alter Wandrahm 15, 20457 Hamburg
phone: (+49) (0)40 18 04 82 680
http://speicherstadt.schoenes-leben.com/

Tuesday, February 2, 8pm
Fischerhaus (district: St. Pauli- Landungsbrücken)
St. Pauli Fischmarkt 14, 20359 Hamburg
phone: +49 (40) (0) 31 40 53
http://www.restaurant-fischerhaus.de/index.php
Thursday, February 4, 7pm
**Bullerei** (*district: Schanze*)
Lagerstr. 34b
20357 Hamburg
phone: +49 (40) (0) 40 33 44 21 10

**Sightseeing**

Monday, February 1, 3pm30
*guided city tour*
**Top-Tour Hamburg**
meeting point: Main Station/exit Kirchenallee
22179 Hamburg
phone: (+49) (0)40 64 13 731
[http://www.top-tour-hamburg.de/touren/](http://www.top-tour-hamburg.de/touren/)

Tuesday, February 2, 6pm
*guided walking tour St. Pauli*
**St. Pauli Tourist Office**
meeting point: Imperial Theater, Reeperbahn 5, 20359 Hamburg
phone: (+49) (0)40 98 23 44 83
[www.pauli-tourist.de](http://www.pauli-tourist.de)
[www.facebook.com/pages/St-Pauli-Tourist-Office/185055851523755](http://www.facebook.com/pages/St-Pauli-Tourist-Office/185055851523755)

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**Alternative Hafenrundfahrt**
meeting point: St.Pauli-Landungsbrücken, jetty „Vorsetzen“ at the red lightship
phone: (+49) (0)40 39 30 01

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Correlations in cognitive neuroscience and the roots of scientific medicine: stuck in old Biology?

Paola Hernández Chávez

The aim of this work is to contribute to the identification of the sources of difficulties arising from neuroscientific correlations, which are common to scientific medicine. From the cognitive neuroscience stance, it is important to determine if the difficulties we currently face in our understanding of what the brain does arise from poor experimental design, a technology limitation, or an interfering background idea that is biasing our interpretation of the research design. The main focus is analyzing the background idea biasing the research design in scientific medicine and cognitive neurosciences, both coming from twenty-century closed causality assumptions, i.e., from an agent-centered logic. Here are some examples: it has been possible to identify that the Human Genome Project, the Human Brain Project, The Human Connectome Project and also Cognitive Neuroscience; share old Biology’s line of thought, characterized by the avoidance of discontinuities, missing links or non-causal phenomenon.

I will be showing that Illness and dysfunctions are key concepts in both fields, which emerge from the basic notion of causality coming from old Biology. Prototype accepted correlations are that the bacterium Vibrio cholera causes cholera; Treponema pallidum causes Syphilis; H1N1 causes Swine Flu. All of those come from old linear causality assumptions in Biology. In Scientific Medicine the same atomistic logic pattern prevails: a single agent X causes infection X.

As some authors have noticed, the ‘organism’ disappeared as a fundamental explanatory concept in Biology (Webster & Goodwin 1982; Laubichler 2000; Gutmann et al. 2000; Huneman and Wolfe 2010; Cornish-Bowden 2006; Nicholson 2014). Fortunately, thanks to the works of such guys, the fact that genes live within the organism and the imminent need to put systems biology back to the center, are becoming sounder. Two ideas are being strengthened: there is no privileged scale at which biological functions are determined (Noble 2012), and we should focus on the organizing principles underlying living systems (Mesarovic, Sreenath, Keene, 2004).

There is additional evidence showing that few genetic variants could account for a lot of disease risks; diseases like diabetes, heart disease, and most cancers have no clear genetic story that can be traced. These facts have demonstrated that genetic information is not enough to explain common conditions in families/populations, which allows to conclude that old Biology’s reductionistic paradigm is not being
successful in determining the function of all genes: to study complex genetic networks we need new theoretical approaches, new mapping relations.

Henceforth, my proposal consists in showing that putting back organism to the center of Biology would be a way out of old linearly causal and reductionistic logic, which has much prevailed and biased scientific medicine and cognitive neuroscience. Doing so includes taking into consideration the following facts: organisms, not genes, are the agents of evolution; phenotypic plasticity (when genotype generates different phenotypes depending on the environmental circumstance); that adaptation includes phenotypic innovations that can be genetically inherited; organisms’ heterogeneity and dynamics and variability of Living Organisms (they are in constant change); niche construction (organisms do not just adapt, they also help to construct their environment in a constant feedback).

An interesting case incorporating organism-based biology is Noble’s modeling of the heart cells (Noble 2012, 58). As he notices, there is not a program for cardiac rhythm in the genome. The same applies to circadian rhythm and to all functions that require cellular structural inheritance as well as genome inheritance. From there he concludes, “we cannot yet characterize all the relevant concentrations of transcription factors and epigenetic influences. It is ignorance of all those forms of downward causation that is impeding progress”. (Noble 2012: 60)

I will conclude by quoting Cornish-Bowden, since he summarizes a recommendation I want to extend to scientific medicine and cognitive neuroscience: “As long as an organism is treated as no more than a collection of components, one cannot ask the right questions, and certainly cannot answer them” (Cornish Bowden 2006: 475).
Recent findings emerging in microbial biology highlight numerous microbial interactions that affect human organisms and thus, offer us new ways for understanding our organismal complexity. Are the functions of our organism the unique outcome of our own genetics? Are our physiological capacities the single product of our evolution? Are our psychological states and emotions, in a word our personality, nothing else than the expression of our organic properties? Ultimately, are we truly individuals? Today, microbial biology calls into question the most traditional understandings of human organisms.

Pause for a second and think about yourself or one of your closest friends. Imagine you provide us with a description of your friend Mary. You might say things like: she is 45 years old, and although her allergies might bother her from time to time - she is fairly healthy. Her immune system is reactive since the recent flu pandemic did not have any significant impact on her. Moreover, you know her well enough to think that her deep feelings and brain states often explains her behavior. If, let's say, her stress response is high and she is moody, you might explain this psychological state by appealing to her personality. You certainly do not fail to attribute those characteristics to Mary, since in spite of her complex organization, you understand that all those features are genuinely constitutive of who she is as an individual organism. This common process of thinking about organisms is underlined by our deeply rooted organism-centered view of biological and cultural individuality. We have been (and continue to be) committed to the idea that knowing the organic composition of an organism casts light not only onto the structure and nature of this organism, and but it ultimately provides us with an explanation and (hopefully) a prediction of its behavior.

However, recent studies in microbial biology have produced a radically new understanding of human organisms. If until recently, we thought of ourselves as being the kind of entities which possess fairly strict spatial boundaries and whose internal functioning was generated and regulated by one’s respective cellular materials (Clarke 2011), we have learned to our own surprise, that on our skin and inside our bodies (especially in out gut), microbial cells outnumber human cells by a factor of 2.5/3 to 1 (Ravel et. al. 2014; Bianconi & al. 2013). As amazing as the number of microbes who made home of our bodies is, the microbial genetic diversity that symbionts bring to us is even more impressive. While the human body consists of approximately 22,000 genes (Pertea & Salzberg 2010) – quite similar to a fruitfly genome, our human microbiome (our metagenome) consist of 2 million microbial genes (Xu & Gordon 2003; Turnbaugh & al. 2007). The biological complexity of a human body, made of different sets of microbial species (OTUs) and human DNA, poses a serious challenge to any scientist who is striving to unravel something about the fundamental nature of human organisms. To the question
“What are we?”, Tom Insel replies “We are, at least from the standpoint of DNA, more microbial than humans” (Smith 2015; see also, Nature 2008; Sleator 2010; Relman 2012; Ray 2012; Brody 2014).

In addition, we have learned that everyone’s microbiome makes possible physiological capacities that are not the product of our own evolution (Ley & al. 2006; Turnbaugh & al. 2006). So, in many ways, the claims that “Mary is healthy” or “Her immune system was responsive to a flu pandemic” have to be understood as being both the expression of her genetic composition, as well as the manifestation of an immune system largely composed and sustained by our microbial fellows. Our complex organic composition is fully captured only if one highlights the heterogeneity of interactions between human and non-human cellular material (Hehemann & al, 2010); hence, the urgent needs to find novel ways to integrate and translate such microbial findings into a system view of medical practice.

So far, one might reply that whoever Mary is, she is more than just the sum of physical parts she is composed of. When it comes to her own identity as an organism, her psychological states, her moods, feelings and decisions, in a word her agency, are truly the defining aspects of who she is. Her personality and the way she behaves in stress situations are fully an expression of her organic and cultural properties. However, recent research on the microbiome-gut-brain axis shows that the composition of our microbial community in our gut has an impact on our stress-responses and on our central neurochemistry, thus it plays an active role in modulating our behavior (Neufeld & al 2010). Those studies support the hypothesis that the “gut’s second brain influences our mood and well-being” (Hadzhazany 2010), and ultimately is in part responsible for our own psychology (Yadav & al. 2010).

The presentation that I would like to propose for Winter School “Integration and Translation into Systems Medicine” is an exploration of the conceptual landscape surrounding the human microbiome and the ways in which theoretical models shape possibilities for future therapeutic procedures. I will present – one by one - a list of such explanatory models: from the organ view, to the immunity view, the superorganism view, the holobiont view, and, last the ecosystem view. Along with John Maynard Smith, I believe that “our choice of models, and to some extent our choice of words to describe them, is important because it affects how we think about the world” (Smith 1987, 120). The metaphors and the models we endorse about the human microbiome provide us with particular views of what a medical therapy is and what is can do for us (e.g. if microbes function like an organ for us, transplant seems to be an appropriate form of therapy – hence, the recent development of fecal transplants).

This winter school represents a tremendous opportunity for a junior faculty like myself to pursue my research interests around questions of health and disease and microbial biology. Not only could this winter school be an amazing laboratory for assessing my current project, but the exposure to some leading scholars in the life sciences would also be particularly fruitful for my professional development.
Presentation 03
Tuesday, February 2, 9.15 – 10.00h

Systems virology for emergence: a philosophical analysis of complexity & hierarchy

Teresa Branch-Smith

Systems medicine has an intentionally and necessarily cross-disciplinary approach to investigating complexity by using integrative micro/macro-level hypotheses. The philosophy of science has a rich history of discussing multiple levels of explanation making it particularly primed to engage discussions in systems medicine and, more specifically, systems virology. Research into the spread of viral infections is exceptionally interesting from a philosophical lens because not only do viruses occupy a unique non-living category within biology, but their ability to cause high-level macro changes from the micro-level is a helpful example when considering multi-level interactions in complex systems. Hence, I argue that systems virology as a subdiscipline of systems medicine can be used to investigate classic problems in the philosophy of science and in particular, theories of emergence.

Research in systems virology has developed rapidly from early mechanistic models to gene expression profiling to developing signatures for disease outcomes (Law et al, 2013). For example, the characterization of viral replication (attachment, insertion, replication, and release) has proven helpful in developing some antiviral drugs to target enzymatic activity; however, it has been insufficient to produce desired higher-level macro changes (ex: positive host response). Phenomena that occur at the macro-level are emergent and cannot be understood from the features of the micro-level alone. The relationship between macro-level phenomena and microlevel changes is actively discussed in the philosophy of science when defining emergence. According to Wimsatt (2000), emergent phenomena are a property of the system as a whole, yet dependent on the system’s organization. A philosophical analysis of systems virology can help us better understand emergence in systems by studying the roles of reduction and prediction between the cellular interactions of the system and the higher-level macro changes of the host. These inter-level relationships contribute to the construction of models used to represent the infection and replication processes, thus furthering our knowledge about emergent phenomena and the reliability of our models.

Computer models of viral infections have prompted researchers to explore other alternatives to the virus-centric approach. Now, researchers look to multiple micro and macrolevel features of the interaction between virus and host to model the use of viral mutagens and the targeted inhibition of host genes or pathways (ex: viral spread models in NetLogo). Since explanation and prediction are theorized to influence each other in different ways (ex: covering model, unification model, causal mechanical model, and the mechanistic model (Salmon, 1989), should our models explain or predict infection? Microbiology relies heavily on mechanistic models of explanation and virology is no exception, but philosophers have noted limitations with the reliability of this approach (Van Fraassen, 1990). As a result, systems vi-
Virology can be an example for philosophy of science to explore the limitations of modelling and prediction in emergent phenomena with real world applications. Therefore with systems virology as an example, philosophers can go beyond theory to explore our ideas about emergent phenomena. In practice, this can have implications at the level of public health systems and contagious disease containment measures, adding a valuable contribution to the development of socially relevant philosophy of science.

References
Understanding the holism of systems medicine in terms of medicalization

Henrik Vogt

Systems medicine has been claimed to take biomedicine from reductionism towards holism or integrationism. This may initially seem attractive to the physician embracing what has traditionally been called a holistic conception of health, that is a humanistic focus not only on parts-associated disease, but the agency, subjective experience and values of whole persons. However, analysing the methods and beginning practice of systems medicine and its corresponding definition of health and disease, it seems more accurate to describe its holism in terms of medicalization rather than a humanistic-holistic turn in medicine. Medicalization refers to the process by which aspects of human life are defined in medical terms and underlain medical control.

The holism of systems medicine is motivated both by theoretical, empirical and technological circumstances. Theoretically and empirically, it springs out of an increasing appreciation of biocomplexity in biology and a need to study living organisms as complex, integrated systems or wholes. However, rather than emphasising the unpredictability or uncontrollability of complex systems, mainstream systems medicine – as exemplified by systems biologist Leroy Hood and the 100 K Wellness Project – seems motivated primarily by new technological developments and hopes that this complexity may yet be tackled scientifically. In this situation, ‘holism’ firstly refers to an attempt to measure each person as comprehensively as possible at all levels of biological organization, and continually or repeatedly through time. Secondly, ‘holism’ or “integrationism” refers to the attempt to use computational tools, bioinformatics and mathematical modelling to integrate and translate the resulting dynamic ‘big data’ into predictive and actionable information. Importantly, the longitudinal nature of this effort is thought to enable a primary focus on healthy people, disease prevention and optimization of wellness (health), rather than a reactive focus on disease. Thirdly, the holism of systems medicine is defined by systems and network theory, which is employed to guide the mathematical modelling of data. Drawing on such theory, which is often derived from engineering, network states tend to be defined as predictable and actionable, notably through a focus on molecular mechanisms. Network states representing health or wellness, which has previously often been regarded as a normative concept that is as complex as ‘the good life itself’, is defined as equally quantifiable, predictable and actionable as states of disease.

In sum, rather than a holistic-humanistic emphasis on the capacities and experience of human agents, it is the process of medicalization that most obviously turns “holistic” in systems medicine. This ‘holistic medicalization’ involves a) the conceptual definition of not only disease, but health or wellness, as complex and multilevel, but nonetheless quantifiable, predictable and controllable through biomedical action, b) corresponding attempts in research and practice at achieving such
actionability and control by c) quantifying and bringing as many factors of human functioning as possible – from the genetic to the social – into predictive, actionable models, a practice which d) is beginning to label every well person studied with multiple “actionable possibilities”. The more ‘holistic’ or ‘integrationist’ systems medicine will get in this sense, the more medicalizing. Potential harms, which have largely been ignored in the systems medicine literature, are discussed.
While the “individualized” in individualized medicine has positive connotations as it refers to person-centered, custom-tailored therapy that seems to hail a new generation of medicine, the “system” in systems medicine belongs to a semantic field of ambivalent meaning. Although individualized medicine and systems medicine are closely related, with the latter appearing to be a specific form of individualized medicine, the scope of systematizing diseases raises more fundamental questions. There is no doubt that medicine, apart from the quest of its realization, must be individualized since patients only exist as individuals. In fact, one early form of medicine, dietetics, only makes sense with an individualized approach to personal life conditions (Wirth 2015). There is also no doubt that medicine, apart from the concrete probability, must focus on the systematic patterns of individual diseases. The prognosis of a given sickness is vital for treatment and a therapy regime.

Although there are doubts whether individualized medicine will have the future that its advocates predict, the fundamental question of whether individualized treatment will be possible at all has not been addressed. It cannot be denied that an individualized approach to diseases would be highly desirable, even if difficult to realize. That could be different with systems medicine, because its basic assumption that diseases follow systematic patterns and can be predicted in detail is often contradicted through the singularity of diseases. It is a major clinical experience that medical prognosis can be very imprecise.

One reason for that lies of course in the individuality of persons and their somatic constitution, but another reason of a more philosophical sort fundamentally challenges systems medicine and its potential. Because of Leibniz's distinction between three kinds of evil (malum morale, malum physicum and malum metaphysicum), there is a precise term for classifying diseases as a natural evil. Thus, philosophy’s definition of evil applies to diseases. One major and consensual philosophical belief about evil is that it appears as mysterium iniquitatis and remains a conundrum. Only good shows patterns and systems that lead to the beneficial atmosphere of trust and prediction. But the character of evil is a disturbing one. The general warning not to allude to a “contract with evil” is a popular saying but stresses that evil is not to be trusted. Due to its unpredictability, evil was named diabolic which literally means “mixing up”.

The proposed scrutiny of systems medicine aims to discuss the possibility of systematizing diseases and seeks to launch a discussion between a philosophy of evil and medicine. Finally it could be found that both domains learn from each other, as uncompromising declarations of the possibility or impossibility of systematizing diseases and evil are falsified by clinical expertise.
Orphan blockbusters: of pharmaceutical business models and the promise of personalized medicine

Anna Geltzer

For several decades, the dominant driver of pharmaceutical industry profitability has been the blockbuster drug. Defined today as a drug that brings in at least $1 billion in annual sales for its manufacturer (up from $500 million just ten years ago), drugs in this category have historically targeted chronic, widespread conditions such as high cholesterol or arthritis, and have been emblematic of the ontological conception of disease within biomedical science. For almost as long, industry analysts have been tolling the death knell of this business model, pointing to declining innovation in the industry, the soaring costs of developing new blockbuster products and the difficulty of shepherding them through the regulatory process.

Since the late 1990s, as the Human Genome Project was nearing completion, new scientific approaches to disease etiology and therapeutics have emerged that seek to trace disease processes and tailor therapeutic response to the genetic code of the individual. Advocates of these approaches promise a future in which medical treatments will be predictive, preventative, personalized and participatory—characteristics that would seem to put them at odds with the blockbuster business model.

This paper analyzes what happens when a new scientific epistemology collides with an established political economy of science by looking at the emerging category of orphan blockbusters. Orphan drugs are, by definition, pharmaceuticals that remain commercially undeveloped due to their limited potential for profitability, usually because the conditions they are designed to treat are too rare to constitute a viable market. As a result, they are treated differently by regulatory agencies that seek to encourage their development both through economic incentives and by means of a different set of scientific standards. They are, in other words, on the opposite side of the scientific and regulatory spectrum of the blockbuster drug. Yet these two seemingly incompatible categories have begun to merge, with eighteen blockbuster drugs currently on the market having been approved as orphan medications. What are the implications of this trend for the pharmaceutical business model, and what does this reconfiguration of market logics mean for the emerging biomedical approaches that seek to revolutionize existing approaches to treatment? The paper engages these questions through the application of grounded theory methodology and contributes to ongoing interdisciplinary discussions on the relationship between political economy and biomedical epistemology.
Facilitators and barriers for the implementation of systems medicine in the German health care system

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Background

Systems medicine links biological, biomarker-based approaches with clinical-medical data, as well as environmental- and lifestyle factors. Based on a holistic view of the human body it takes an interdisciplinary approach to process, analyze and interpret a large amount and variety of biological, neuropsychological, clinical and social demographic data. Systems medicine has the potential to advance understanding of etiology, detection, prevention and treatment of diseases. However to date, policy makers are still faced with the challenge to create appropriate conditions for implementation of systems medicine in the health care system.

Objective

The aim of this research project is to identify action areas for implementation of systems medicine in the German healthcare system, as well as facilitators and barriers to implementation. Initially, different views towards this topic will be explored from the perspective of different relevant stakeholders. Based on these views, the most important aspects for implementation of systems medicine within the specific context of the German healthcare system will be identified and health policy recommendations developed.

Method

Qualitative and quantitative methods will be combined in an explorative sequential mixed-methods design, consisting of 4 steps: 1) a systematic literature review to describe the status quo 2) focus group interviews to explore views, expectations and attitudes from a selected patient group and the general population 3) semi-structured expert-interviews to detect additional relevant aspects 4) a policy delphi survey to reach consensus on the topics identified during step 1-3 and select the most important ones consider by health policy makers in Germany.

Results/Dissemination

This study will contribute to the identification of potential action areas for implementation and understanding of facilitators and barriers to implementation of systems medicine in Germany. The results will be discussed with respect to their significance for different stakeholders in the health care system. Different health policies options will be identified, which can support policy makers in creating conditions for large-scale implementation of systems medicine in the German health care system.
Automated reasoning, clinical practice and biopathological pathways in genomic-driven clinical cancer research

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It is increasingly common practice to select anticancer therapy on the basis of the specific pathway alterations found in cancer patients’ tumors. A related development has been the deployment of bioinformatics tools and models within cancer clinical trials. Algorithms linked to databases of gene alterations and drug catalogues narrow down therapeutic choices and produce a shortlist of agents to be targeted to a given tumor’s mutational landscape. Oncologists are therefore fully engaged with basic forms of modeling and prediction of cancer systems to aid in therapy – even as bioinformaticians warn that their models of cancer pathways are rudimentary at this point. Modeling in matching drug and tumor targets also entail new institutional practices of evidence assessment such as “molecular tumor boards” that combine multiple experts from several fields to analyse and appraise drug-target matches proposed by algorithms, or to make their own.

Organizational readjustments spurred on by pathway modeling go further. This can be seen in clinical trials such as NCI-PACT and SHIVA. GeneMed and KDI, the algorithms employed in these trials, are both composed of multiple modules that simultaneously model disease processes and administer clinical workflows. Cancer trial algorithms interpret tumor sequencing results, establish pairings between molecular alterations and therapeutic agents, but also coordinate and steer clinical record-keeping or biopsy planning (Servant et al 2014; Zhao et al 2015).

Against such an empirical background, we can formulate a number of questions of interest to the social studies of systems medicine: How should we characterize this “less-than-systemic”, emergent bioinformatic modeling of patients’ tumor pathways within abroad typology of data-driven experimental strategies (Leonelli 2014)? How do clinician’s judgement and bioinformatic modelling interact in matching anticancer drugs with tumor biopathology? What are some of the organizational changes to clinical trial practices required by modelisation? How are the mechanistic findings produced in this clinical context fed back into more abstract models of cancer produced by theorists?

This project follows Leonelli (2014) and Cambrosio et al’s (2014) proposal to study data-driven research in a category-agnostic manner, without the filter of simple oppositions such as in silico vs wet experiments. It builds on findings from our research group that explores cancer clinical research as a fully-fledge experimental system (Nelson et al; Rheinberger 2015). It also draws on an extensive dataset composed of i) over 80 interviews with trialists and their associates ; ii) a database of pivotal programmatic papers from cancer journals; iii) field notes; and iv) conference reports.

References


The clinician scientist in the field of translational research: political hope, economic worth and practical problems

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The Clinician Scientist (also named as Clinical Scientist, Translational Scientist or Physician Scientist) has become one of the central actors in the field of Translational Research (TR) as he/she bridges the gap between clinical research and medical practice. This gap between research and clinic has been identified as the central barrier for innovation and implementation processes in the field of (bio)medical research. But the process of translating knowledge from one field (research) to another (clinic) means also to overcome the contradiction between two spheres of action. Therefore the Clinician Scientist has to face different logics in his daily communication processes in the laboratory and the clinic, which evolve from different reference systems and roles – Science versus Medicine. In terms of role theory this contradiction can be described as a typical ‘role clash’ as there exist different expectations from different reference groups, which couldn’t be all fulfilled satisfactorily at the same time. This role clash is enrolled in a “critical moment”, which makes, according to the theory of Boltanski & Thévenot, reference to the critical activity of the person. In such moments disagreements or dispute appears as evidence for the acceptance of specific rules or norms.

In order to shed light on the question what actually constitutes this ‘role clash’ and which factors cause it, my study focuses on justification patterns emerging in critical moments. My hypothesis is that these critical moments can be seen as an indication for the ‘space’ where scientific or medical norms reach their actual limits as the scientific/medical action itself is called into question. In such critical moments individuals have to ground their stances on legitimate justification patterns or a legitimate worth. For my empirical analysis I studied different Internet forums, which were published by Clinician Scientists, featuring critical-reflexive discussions on one’s own role as a Clinician Scientist and its daily challenges. In my study I found that the ‘role clash’ is constituted by different problem dimensions (financial dimension, time dimension, career dimension and identity dimension), which are mainly caused by orientation towards an economic worth in the field of research. That means that economical practices which are scripted in scientific communication processes could matter in daily ‘science-medicine-practices’ as well.

Hence, my talk will show how an analysis of justification patterns can be a helpful instrument in studying the mechanisms of role clashes in the field of TR and therefore in studying the practical problems which the Clinician Scientist has to face in his/her daily practices.
Presentation 10

Friday, February 5, 9.15 – 10.00h

Systems medicine – A challenge to health literacy?

Pauline Mantell

Background

Systems medicine is based on the merging of a diverse amount of biological, clinical, behavioural, socio-demographic and other data. The aim is to come up with predictive and prognostic risk profiles in order to develop more effective prevention and treatment strategies. Thereby, systems medicine arouses hope to bring forward the long desired paradigm shift towards prevention in the health care system. On the individual level, healthy people, people at risk and patients who are already suffering from a disease are faced with new medical opportunities. Hence the implementation of the systems medicine approach into practice comes along with increased demands on the individuals. Health literacy is considered a key concept to positively address challenges of navigating the health care system and make autonomous decisions concerning health.

Methods

The theoretical analysis of challenges for health literacy in the context of systems medicine is based on the health literacy model by Sørensen et al. (2012). Central to this model is the process of accessing, understanding, appraising and applying health relevant information.

A closer look is needed on which challenges are caused by systems medicine and how they might affect the health literacy of those involved. Furthermore, ethical problems which can be associated with it in terms of autonomy and well-being are taken into account.

Results

In order to benefit from the new options of systems medicine and to make self-determined use of them, three additional challenges are imposed on the health literacy of individuals.

Thinking of risk profiling, it is first of all required to competently deal with probabilities. Due to relative and absolute risks in the context of risk profiling, individual decision making concerning health is very demanding and requires a high amount of numerical understanding (health numeracy) for a successful interpretation of the test results. At the same time, misinterpretation and misconceptions of individual prediction and prognosis may limit quality of life and may massively hinder further life planning.

Secondly, the holistic approach of systems medicine about the interrelationship between health and disease leads to a high complexity: Taking into account a wide variety of influences on health (genetic, proteomic, behavioural, social, etc.) calls for a transfer of this knowledge on one’s own current and future health status. The responsibility for health increases, while at the same time the threat of individual
over-demandingness rises.

Thirdly, the process of merging this broad variety of personal data is established by a complex approach of algorithms which are opaque for the individual. This lack of transparency calls for a high level of trust in systems medicine of everybody who is confronted with predictive and prognostic results generated in a “black box”.

Discussion

Systems medicine challenges the health literacy of the user due to the complexity of the highly technology-driven approach. It might take the processing of health relevant information to another level; in terms of accessing helpful sources, understanding probabilities and appraising and applying information from opaque processes.

Predictive and prognostic results might go along with feelings of insecurity, powerlessness and helplessness. Furthermore, quality of life can be effected by the confrontation with one’s own vulnerability. Misunderstandings and misinterpretations may even have adverse effects on lifestyles and behaviour. On the other hand, systems medicine can promote a more holistic view on health, which has long been called for from an ethical point of view.
Presentation 11  
Friday, February 5, 10.00 – 10.45h  

Social impact of genomic high-throughput data: moral perspectives and self-expression in the era of next generation sequencing  

Alexander Urban  

Technologies of next generation sequencing will enter the clinical practice in the near future by generating information from the whole genome. Because of decreasing costs, better technical conditions and increasing efficiency, they are very interesting for the fields for personalized and systems medicine. Despite the euphoria, there are many ethical concerns in dealing with such technologies e.g. for the informed consent procedure, dealing with incidental findings and data security. Beyond these well represented aspects in ethical academic debate, there should be also a focus on the perspectives on dealing with high-throughput data from affected people like patients and experts.  

Main Question: What influence will the upcoming implementation of next generation sequencing technologies, named high-throughput sequencing, into clinical practice have on patient’s self-expression and identity construction? How are categories of genomic information used in everyday life? In how far does dealing with genomic information become relevant for patient interaction and doctor-patient-relationship? What moral attitudes are involved in the perspectives of experts, affected people and lay persons?  

Theoretical Background: The imminent implementation of Next Generation Sequencing in clinical practice poses new challenges for established ethical concepts of informed consent procedures, ways of dealing with genetic risk information, or data storage and security guidelines. The current medical and ethical expert debates highlight important aspects of these challenges. However, there is still lack of research on subjective perspectives of those personally affected and their ways of dealing with the results of this new medical technology in everyday life. We need to understand in more depth in how far these affected people integrate this type of new technology in their acting and everyday understanding of their health and illness. The current literature employs concepts like “patient in waiting” (Kolleg and Lemke 2008) or “transparent patient” (Schleidgen and Marckmann 2013) to stress the newly emerging role of healthy persons being confronted with probabilistic results for future diseases and losing clear boundaries of health and illness. These categories of a new type of patient stem from social research on traditional predictive genetic testing and hence need to be confronted with new aspects of whole genome sequencing and big data technologies.  

Method: My ongoing research is built on the ventral premises of symbolic interactionism (Blumer 1969) that (1) people act upon things which have meanings for them and that (2) these meanings are negotiated in an interaction process and will be modified through an interpretative process. On this basis, I employ methods of qualitative social research in order to explore the meanings affected people and professional experts assign to genomic high throughput data in the context of their
everyday life. By means of semi-structured interviews with experts and patients in psychiatric- and cancer treatment, personal perspectives, moral standpoints and questions regarding the clinical implementation of new genome sequencing technologies are collected. The material is analyzed with qualitative content analysis (Mayring 1995) to identify central moral attitudes and delineate significant differences in the variety of perspectives. The initial findings present a heterogeneous picture about ways of dealing with genomic data and its understanding from different perspectives.

Literature


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Presentation 12
Friday, February 5, 11.15 – 12.00h

Juridical impact of systems medicine on doctor-patient-relationship

Anna Maria Ernst

The integration of Systems Medicine approaches in our health care system raises a lot of legal questions. Systems Medicine arouses hope to bring forward the possibilities of disease detection, treatment and prevention. At the same time these improvements could profoundly modify the special trust relationship between physician and patient. The doctor-patient-relationship is far more than a juridical contractual relationship. Ideally it's characterized by care, confidence and comprehension. But a change in character can also be observed: the relationship developed from a paternalistic to a cooperative one. Juridical challenges of Systems Medicine approaches and its impact on the doctor-patient-relationship should be especially analysed with regard to the increased demands on medical information, patients' consent and medical obligation of documentation.

Systems Medicine pursues the target of a treatment which is better tailored on individual biological organic dispositions and on particular courses of disease. But this tempting target also faces the risk of a fixation on systems medical measurable causes of disease. This could lead on the one hand to a containment of indications, on the other hand to an expansion of the concept of illness to “mere” dispositions of illness. General treatment guidelines, which are developed for bigger patients' collectives, will be replaced by a multitude of more specialised, on smaller patients' groups tailored rules. As a consequence, a “decomposition” of the medical standard is imaginable. This would lead to a loss of rules of conduct in the doctor-patient-relationship and of legal certainty. At the same time, it would lead to increased demands on the responsibility to provide medical information. Medical information has decreasingly the function as a measures related information of intervention, but the function of a more abstract medical-scientific also social implication consultation. Furthermore Systems Medicine approaches will promote new options of automation and electronisation (e.g. app-medicine, Chip-diagnoses, direct-to-consumer-models) which might further lead to depersonalization of medical consultation and diagnosis. Consequently the personal character of the doctor-patient-relationship is threatened to fade into the background.

Moreover the instrument of consent has to be examined in detail. The consent of the patient plays in light of the tremendous importance of systems biological and especially genetic tests a major role. Precondition for a valid consent is a comprehensive medical information and the cognitive faculty of the patient. This results from the right of self-determination of the patient, which is a manifestation of the human dignity, Art. 1 para. 1 GG and the right of physical integrity, Art. 2 para. 2 s. 1 GG. The patient has to agree to the data collection, evaluation and application. So there is a need to analyse how all these technical information can be integrated in the medical information in the context of medical treatment without overstraining the seeking help patient.
Also the requirements on documentation, especially in the context of data relevant tests, have to be redefined. The documentation obligation is codified in § 630f BGB, since the enactment of the patients’ right law in the year 2013. It serves the purpose of argumentation in the physician liability process. Furthermore this obligation constitutes a basis for comprehensive information of the patient and other attending physicians. According to § 630f para. 2 BGB the treating party is obliged to record all measures in the medical records which are relevant in medical terms for the current and future treatment and its results, in particular the establishment of the medical history, diagnoses, examinations, results of examinations, findings, therapies and their effects, procedures and their impact, consent and information. The extent of the documentation obligation is generally depending on therapeutical circumstances. With the integration of Systems Medicine this obligation could be complemented by information about possible dispositions of diseases and their prevention. Also an extension by more technical information, like what data is collected and evaluated, is imaginable.
Workshop Abstracts
in order of workshop date

Monday, February 1st, 10.30 – 12.15h

Workshop A
Systems medicine from the philosophy of science’s perspective
Prof. Dr. Ulrich Krohs, Professor of Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität, Münster, Germany
This workshop gives an introduction into philosophical reflections on the development of systems biology and systems medicine.

Tuesday, February 2nd, 11.15 – 13.00h

Workshop B-1
Integration from the philosophy of science’s perspective
Ingo Brigandt, Associate Professor and Canada Research Chair in Philosophy of Biology, Department of Philosophy, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada
This workshop presents general epistemic, methodological, and practical characteristics of integration and discusses challenges for integration in systems medicine and systems biology.

Background reading:

Tuesday, February 2nd, 14.00 – 15.45h

Workshop B-2
Modeling from the philosophy of science’s perspective
PD Dr. Gabriele Gramelsberger, Senior Researcher, Leuphana University Lüneburg, Lüneburg, Germany
This workshop discusses concepts and practices of modeling by comparing systems approaches in biology/medicine and climate science. Gabriele Gramelsberger will moderate the normative analysis of case examples together with conference participants.
**Background reading:**


Wednesday, February 3rd, 11.15 – 13.00h

**Workshop C**

**Data quality and data management in systems medicine**

*Dr. Nadine Umbach, Senior Researcher, Institute for Medical Informatics, University Medical Centre, Göttingen, Germany*

This workshop introduces the basic concepts and obstacles of data quality and data management in systems medicine and discusses the development and operation of IT infrastructures.

Thursday, February 4th, 9.15 – 11.00h

**Workshop D**

**Concepts of translation**

*Dr. Sara Marie Ehrenreich Green, Postdoc, Department of Science Education, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark*

The purpose of this workshop is to discuss central issues concerning concepts of translation at the intersection of biomedical research, industry, the clinic, and public health policies. Green will introduce the topic by identifying important concerns with new systems approaches from the perspective of philosophy of science and public health. The second part of the workshop consists of a participant discussion of possible solutions to the identified challenges. Taking advantage of the diversity of the background of participants, the workshop will explore how and if it is possible to bridge different expectations and conceptual differences among the stakeholder groups involved.

**Background reading:**

Thursday, February 4th, 13.45 – 15.30h

Workshop E

Systems medicine in clinical practice

Prof. Dr. Angelika Eggert, professor and director of the department of paediatrics, division of oncology and haematology, Charité - University Medical Centre, Berlin, Germany

This workshop presents current research from the field of kidney cancer in children (neuroblastoma) and discusses current challenges in research and future challenges in clinical practice by translating systems approaches to the clinic.

Background reading:

Thursday, February 4th, 16.00 – 18.00h

Workshop F

Networking, funding, and interdisciplinarity: Future cooperation of systems medicine, social sciences, and philosophy

Prof. Dr. Angelika Eggert, professor and director of the department of paediatrics, division of oncology and haematology, Charité - University Medical Centre, Berlin, Germany (roundtable moderated by Regine Kollek)

Dr. Sara M.E. Green, Postdoc, Department of Science Education, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark

Prof. Dr. Jeanette Erdmann, professor and director of the Institute for Integrative and Experimental Genomics, University of Lübeck, Lübeck, Germany

This workshop discusses challenges and opportunities for future cooperation of social scientists and philosophers with systems medicine. The workshop moderators come from different disciplinary backgrounds and have experience in working in international, interdisciplinary networks, and in grant application for such networks. Together with experiences from the conference participants, this will facilitate a fruitful discussion on the next steps (1) in the analysis of systems biology and medicine, (2) in cooperating with systems researchers, and (3) in how to foster one’s own research career.
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Research associate

01/ 2012 – 06/2012 Kassenärztliche Vereinigung Nordrhein, Düsseldorf
Project on palliative care in the department of key questions in healthcare policy

10/2011 – 02/2014 ZENO executive conferences /Zeminare, Heidelberg
Assistance for executive conferences in health care (in Cologne, Düsseldorf and Neuss)

05/2011 – 12/2011 Kassenärztliche Vereinigung Nordrhein, Düsseldorf
Student assistant in the department of guarantee and demand planning of ambulant health care
Publications


Presentation


Poster Presentation


2015 3rd European Health Literacy Conference, 17.-19.11.2015, Brussels „Is there something Special about the Concept of Health Literacy in the Scope of Mental Health Problems? Findings from a Systematic Review“
References

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Research, and Rehabilitation Science (IMVR),
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Education

- **Purdue University**, West Lafayette, Indiana, USA
  - Ph.D., Department of Philosophy, 2011
    - *Biotechnologies and Human Nature: Ethical and Political Challenges*
    - Mark Bernstein (chair), Eric Meslin, Daniel W. Smith, Daniel Kelly

- **Université Lyon 3 Jean Moulin**, Lyon, France
  - M.A., (Magna Cum Laude), Department of Philosophy, 2005
    - *The Stakes of Reproductive Medicine in the US: Between Ethics and Politics*
  - B.A., Department of Philosophy, 2004
    - *Michel Foucault’s Biopower: Origins and Critiques*

Areas of Specialization

Bioethics (especially biomedical, genethics, environmental, & research ethics), Philosophy of Biology, 20th Century Continental Philosophy

Areas of Competence

Ethical Theory, Social and Political Philosophy

Academic Appointments

- Assistant Professor of Philosophy & Environmental Studies, 2015 - present
- Philosophy & Environmental Studies, University of Oregon, Associate Member, 2014 - present
- Institute of Ecology and Evolution, University of Oregon, Visiting Assistant Professor in Philosophy & Biology, 2014 - 2015
- Departments of Philosophy & Biology, University of Oregon, Post-Doctoral Scholar, 2013 - 2014
- The Rock Ethics Institute, The Pennsylvania State University

Peer-Reviewed Publications

**Articles**

- “Against the Yuck Factor: On the Ideal Role of Disgust in Society,” with Dan-

EDITED BOOKS

- Perspectives in Bioethics, Science, and Public Policy, edited with Jonathan Beever, Purdue University Press, May 2013
- Biopower: Foucault and Beyond, edited with Vernon Cisney University of Chicago Press, Fall 2015
- Between Foucault and Deleuze, edited with Thomas Nail and Daniel W Smith Edinburgh University Press, forthcoming Fall 2016

JOURNAL SPECIAL ISSUE

- Foucault Studies: Foucault and Deleuze, Special Issue 17, Spring 2014, Guest Editor with Thomas Nail and Daniel W. Smith.

BOOK CHAPTERS


OTHER PUBLICATIONS

ENCYCLOPEDIA


BOOK REVIEWS

- Book Review of R. Rhodes, N. Gligorov, A.P. Schwab (eds), Human Microbiome: Ethical, Legal, and Social Concerns, Journal of Environmental Philosophy, Fall 2014
Translations

Work in Progress
Monographs
- *Beyond Human Nature: Biology, Bioethics, & Biopolitics* (Manuscript 70% completed)

Articles/Bioethics
- A Critical Argument for a Principle of Minimal Biological Realism in Bioethics (Manuscript 95% completed)
- The Role of Emotions in Food Ethics with Dan Kelly (for *The Oxford Handbook of Food Ethics*)
- Shallow vs. Deep Conceptions of the Individual: Why is Autonomy a Problem? (with Jonathan Beever; manuscript under review)

Articles/Phil. of Biology & Ecology
- Prolegomena to any Future Definition of Human Nature: A Biological Argument for a Dispositional Selective Population Concept (Manuscript 90% completed)
- The Challenge of the Right Kind: A Critical Argument of the Normative Role of Biodiversity (under review)
- What if there are no Individuals? The Impact of Microbial Biology in Environmental Ethics with Brendan Bohannan (Manuscript 30% completed)
- Be pluralists! A 2nd Manifesto for Microbial Biologists with Brendan Bohannan (Manuscript 40% completed)

Teaching Experience
*University of Oregon*
- PHIL 110 Human Nature, Fall 2014 (350 students, 6 TAs)
- ENVS 345 Environmental Ethics, Fall 2011 & 2012 & 2015
- PHIL 120 Ethics of Enterprise and Exchange, Winter 2011; Spring 2013 & 2015
- PHIL 335 Medical Ethics, Spring 2012; Winter 2013 & 2015; Fall 2015
- PHIL 407/507 Biopower: Michel Foucault & Beyond, Fall 2014
- PHIL 400/500 Philosophy of Biology, Winter 2016
- ENVS 400/500 Philosophy of Ecology, Spring 2016
- BIOL 401 Ethics in Life Sciences, Spring 2015
- BIOL 610 Ethics and Science, Winter 2015
Grants Awarded

*Who are We? Humans, Microbes, and their Interactions* ($9,600)
- Co-PI with Brendan Bohannan & Stephen Dueppen, College of Arts & Sciences Grants, University of Oregon

*American Society for Bioethics & Humanities - Early Career Travel Grant, National Meeting, Oct 2014, San Diego, CA*

*Biodiversity at Twenty-Five: The Problem of Ecological Proxy Values* ($4,800)
- Co-PI with Brendan Bohannan & Ted Toadvine, College of Arts & Sciences Grants, University of Oregon

*One-Year Grant 2012 - 2013 Global Research Synergy Grants* ($25,550)
- Co-PI with Daniel W. Smith, College of Liberal Arts, Purdue University

*Three Year Grant (renewable) from the Office of the Provost & GPRI* ($72,000)
- Funding to support two graduate students (0.75FTE) to organize the *Purdue Lectures in Ethics, Policy, and Science 2011-2014*

Conference Presentations

- Biodiversity at Twenty-Five at *Diversity in Ecological Systems: Genes, Species, and Beyond* Lecture Series, Penn State University, January 2014
- What if there are no individuals? The Impact of Microbial Biology in Environmental Ethics with Brendan Bohannan
  - *IAEP's Annual Conference*, Eugene, October 2013
- A Critical Argument Against a Value Bias in Biomedicine with Jonathan Beever at *University of Texas Dallas*, May 2013
- From Science to Environmental Value: An Argument for a Critical Understanding of the Normative Role of Biodiversity (with Brendan Bohannan and Ted Toadvine) at
  - *Michigan State University*, October 2013
  - *IAEP's Annual Conference*, Rochester, November 2012

Seminar & Conference Organization

- *Who Are We? Humans, Microbes, and their Interactions (2015)*, University of Oregon
  - Topics: microbial biology, multicellularity, bioethics, privacy, re-
search ethics
  ○ Speakers: M. O'Malley, M. Travisano, N. Gligorov, J. Foster, M. Pedroso
  ○ Event sponsored by CAS, IEE, ENVS, PHIL, OHC, ANTH (budget: $9,600)

- **Penn State Research Ethics Lecture Series (2013-2014)**
  ○ Lectures available at http://rockethics.psu.edu/

- **Biodiversity at Twenty-Five (2013-2014), University of Oregon**
  ○ Topics: biodiversity, ecosystem functioning, ethics
  ○ Speakers: D. Maier, D. Hooper, & K. Sterelny
  ○ Event sponsored by CAS, IEE, ENVS, PHIL (budget: $4,800)

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**Professional Service**

*University of Oregon*

- Member the Graduate Studies Committee PHIL, 2015-present
- Coordinator Ethics Minor (proposal & development), 2015-present
- Coordinator Clinical Ethics Internship (PeaceHealth Hospital), 2015-present
- Member the Graduate Studies Committee ENVS, 2015-present

**Other**

- Organizer SRPoISe Session at the A.P.A. Eastern & Pacific Meetings (2014-present)
- Organizer SRPoISe Session at the Meeting of the Philosophy of Science Association (2014-present)

**Professional Affiliations**

- American Philosophical Association (2011-present)
- American Society for Bioethics and Humanities (2011-present)
- International Association for Environmental Philosophy (2012-present)
- International Society for Environmental Ethics (2012-present)
- The Consortium for Socially Relevant Philosophy of/in Science and Engineering (2013-present)
- Association for Practical and Professional Ethics (2014-present)
Alexander Urban, M.A.

Areas of interest

• sociological and ethical perspective on gene diagnostics and genetics
• patient role, identity, interaction
• medicine sociology, sociology of the body
• qualitative social science

Biography

• since August 2014: research assistant at the BMBF-funded Project „GenoPerspektiv - Managing Genomic High-Throughput Data – Perspectives of the Clinics, Ethics, Law, and Biomedical Information Technology“ at the department for medical ethics and history of medicine, University Medical Centre Göttingen

• 09/2014: Master of Arts. Thesis: „Identity construction of headache patients in the context of medical treatment“

• 09/2012-08/2014 research assistant in the DFG-Project (German Research Foundation) „Schmerzhandeln und Identitätsmanagement von Kopfschmerzpatienten in der medizinischen Versorgung und in Partnerschaften“. Coordinator: Prof. Dr. Gerd Göckenjan, Department of Social Work and Social Welfare, special field: health care policy, University of Kassel, Germany.

• 09/2011-08/2012 student assistant in the DFG-Project (German Research Foundation) „Schmerzfreiheit als paradoxes Handlungsziel. Neue Wege in der Schmerzversorgung“. Coordinator: Prof. Dr. Gerd Göckenjan, Department of Social Work and Social Welfare, special field: health care policy, University of Kassel, Germany.

• 10/2011-09/2014 Master's degree study of sociology at the University of Kassel

• 10/2008-09/2011 Bachelor's degree study of Sociology and the minor subject psychology at the University of Kassel.

Presentations


Publications

Etienne Vignola-Gagné

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Current Affiliation
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Postdoctoral Fellow
Social Studies of Medicine, McGill University Montréal, Canada
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Education
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Dr. Phil. Social sciences (specialization in political science)
Department of Political Science, University of Vienna Vienna, Austria
Thesis Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Herbert Gottweis.

M.Sc. Urban studies.
Institut national de la recherche scientifique – Urbanisation, culture et société (INRS-UCS). Montréal, Canada.
Thesis Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Michel Trépanier

September 2002 – April 2005
B.A. Science, Technology and Society (STS).
Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM). Montréal, Canada.

Project Funding and Awards
May 2014 – April 2016
Postdoctoral Fellowship (70,000 $)
Fonds québécois de la recherche sur la société et la culture (FQRSC)

February 2009 – January 2013
Research grant for the Tri-Gen project (Translational research in genomic medicine: Institutional and social aspects)
Consortium of five institutions financed for a total of 440,000 € by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research, the Austrian Ministry of Science and Research and the Academy of Finland (see http://trigen.isi-projekte.de and www.elsagen.at/)

I played a central role in conceiving the project, setting up the consortium, writ-
ing the grant proposal, conducting the research strategy and disseminating results. Project coordinator was Bärbel Hüsing (Fraunhofer ISI).

June 2010 – May 2013
**Canada Graduate Scholarships Program: Doctoral Award (60,000 $)**
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)

September 2006 - August 2007
**Research Master's Scholarship (Bourse de maîtrise en recherche) (15,000 $)**
Fonds québécois de la recherche sur la société et la culture (FQRSC)

September 2005 – August 2006
**Canada Graduate Scholarships Program: Master's Award (17,500 $)**
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)

**Other Relevant Experiences**

February 2008 – February 2013
**Doctoral researcher**
Competence Centre New Technology
Fraunhofer Institute Systems and Innovation Research (Fraunhofer ISI) Karlsruhe, Germany

September 2007 – December 2007
**Research Assistant**
Canada Research Chair in the History and Sociology of Science

September 2006 – September 2007
**President, Federation of the INRS students President, Student association of the INRS-UCS**

November 2005 – November 2006
**Member of the organization comity – First congress of the INRS students**

January 2004 – December 2005
**Research Assistant**
Science-Metrix Inc. (www.science-metrix.com/)

**Languages**

French: native
English: fluent, whether spoken or written
German: basic working proficiency
Scientific contributions - articles in peer-reviewed journals


Scientific contributions – book chapters and monographies


Scientific contributions - other publications

Reiss T and Vignola-Gagné E. 2013. Thematische Schwerpunktbildung in den Life Sciences durch system-immanente Prozesse [Intellectual trajectories in
the Life Sciences as «system-immanent» processes]. Karlsruhe: Fraunhofer Institute for Systems and Innovation Research ISI. Report commissioned by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Berlin, Germany.


**Scientific contributions - conference talks**


**Vignola-Gagné E**. 2012. *Smoke screens and sacred fires: Translational research and grand challenges in European biomedicine*. Presentation at the Eu-SPRI


Lehner D., Rantanen E. and Vignola-Gagné E. 2011. ‘Therapeutic eagerness’: clinician-scientists and the politics of large-scale translational research. Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Studies of Science (4S), Session Collaborations across health research and care, November 2-5 2011, Cleveland, USA.
Henrik Vogt

born 1977-05-17
- 2003: Cand.mag (equivalent of bachelor degree plus one year) in History, specializing in the History of "knowledge as power" among experts and professions in the rise of the welfare state.
- 2008: Degree of Cand. med. (medical doctor) from the Medical faculty at the University of Oslo.
- 2012-present: PhD candidate at the General Practice Research Unit, Norwegian University of Science and technology. PhD Project entitled "Systems medicine as a theoretical framework for primary health care – a critical investigation”.

Relevant publications:
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Education
1995 – 2004: High Schools in Cologne (Germany), Rockdale, TX and Killeen, TX (USA)
2004 – 2009: University of Bonn (Germany) and Papal Gregorian University Rome (Italy): Philosophy and Theology
2010 – 2014: Doctoral Studies (finished in June 2014, summa cum laude), Faculty of Philosophy, Leibniz University Hannover (Germany)
Thesis: Distance and Obedience. Theory, Ethics, and Critics of a Virtue
Supervisor: Prof. Marco Hofheinz, Department of Theology and Religious Studies

Honors and Awards
2004 – 2009: Undergraduate and graduate scholarship of the Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation (Bonn, Germany)
2010 – 2012: Scholarship for doctoral studies by the Fazit-Foundation (Frankfurt, Germany)
2010: Award from the University of Salzburg (Austria) for a presentation on their annual conference in theology and philosophy
2014: Science Award Hannover 2014
2015: Post-Doc-Project, founded by the Fritz Thyssen Foundation (Germany)

Teaching and Research Interests
- Anthropology and Ethics of Medicine
- Otherness and Diversity
- Intersexuality and Transsexuality
- Hebrew Philosophy and Theology

Publications, peer-reviewed
Wirth, M. (2015), Corporeality and the Authority of Emotions. The New Phenomenology and its Relevance to a Personalized Kind of Medicine. In Vollmann,


**Works submitted and works in progress**


Wirth, M. (2015), Es lebe die Erbsünde?! Schnittstellen zwischen Degenerationstheorie und Erbsündenlehre (Engl. Doctrine of original sin redivivus?! Similarities between the psychiatric theory of degeneration and the doctrine of original sin). In: Brinkschulte, E. & Gadebusch-Bondio (Ed.), Norm als Pflicht, Zwang oder Traum. Festschrift für Heinz-Peter Schmiedebach (*accepted*).


Wirth, M., Awakeness and Dying. Meaning Maintenance and Sedation of “Existential Suffering” in Palliative Care (*submitted to Medicine, Healthcare and Philosophy*).

**Teaching Experience as a Lecturer at the University Medical School of Hamburg (Germany)**

- Course: Philosophy and Theology of Evil (2010/2011)
- Course: Philosophy, Theology and Ethics of Compassion (2011)
• Course: Fear, Disgust, Shame. Philosophical Perspectives (2011/2012)
• Course: Philosophy and Theology of Death (2012)
• Course: Does Sickness Make any Sense? Answers in Philosophy and Theology (2012/2013)
• Course: Sexual Abuse in History and Present (2013)
• Course: Culture and Ethics of Gender (2013/2014)
• Course: Current debates in Medical Ethics (2014/2015)
• Course: Medicine and Dignity (2015)
• Courses: History, Ethics and Theory of Medicine (four courses in 2012, six in 2013, four in 2014, one in 2015 so far)

Selected Presentations
Wirth, M. (2014, April), Patients “on stage”. The Declaration of Helsinki and its importance for research and teaching in psychiatry. Presentation to an interdisciplinary Conference on Medical Ethics and Health Law (“Zones of will”) by the Volkswagen-Foundation Germany, Hannover (Germany).
Wirth, M. (2014, June), Diversity and Christianity. Intersexuality and Transsexuality and acceptance of the otherness of the other in Falk Wagner’s and Eberhard Jüngel’s Theology. Presentation to an interdisciplinary Conference of Intersexuality and Transsexuality by the University of Halle (Germany), founded by the Federal Ministry for Education and Research.
Wirth, M. (2013, June), Sexual violence in history and presence of Catholic orders. Presentation to the Department of Sexual Medicine and Forensic Psychiatry of the University Medical Center Hamburg (Germany).
Wirth, M. (2013, July), The ambivalence of touching and examining. Sexual violence and the sick child. Presentation to the College of the German Police Force in Münster (Germany).
Wirth, M. (2013, September), Corporeality and the Authority of Emotions. New Phenomenology and its importance for a personalized kind of medicine. Presentation to the Annual Conference of the European Association of Centers of Medical Ethics (EACME), Bochum, Germany.
Wirth, M. (2013, October), Philosophy and Ethics of Dying. Introductory presentation to the Conference “Death and Dying in Philosophy and Theology”, Department of History and Ethics of Medicine (Hamburg) in cooperation with the Foundation of Occupational Education (SBB), Germany.
Wirth, M. (2013, October), Deaths of children. Some ethical reflections on “doctor’s babies”. Presentation to the Conference “Death and Dying in Philosophy and Theology”, Department of History and Ethics of Medicine (Hamburg) in cooperation with the Foundation of Occupational Education (SBB), Germany.
Wirth, M. (2010, August), The own of one’s own death. Death as final performance of freedom and how Karl Rahner describes a pediatric doctor. Presentation to the Annual Conference on Philosophy and Theology, Salzburg (Austria).
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