

**Medicine, trade and power:  
New approaches to pharmaceuticals in global trade networks**

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Humanities Faculty Common Room in C-Ring, Floor 3

In this one-day workshop, the participants will present their current and ongoing work engaging with the theme of pharmaceuticals in networks of power and trade. They span a range of disciplines (history, anthropology, sociology), a wide chronological span across the early modern and modern divide, and a geographical range that explores aspects of the connections between (Southeast) Asia, India and South-Africa. The point of the gathering is to explore the intersections between pharmaceuticals and the market, but also to raise new questions about the ways in which we conceptualize the regimes of drugs, value and power. Where are the major divides in time, space and agency? How do our current narratives and chronological divisions both hide and reveal the ways in which the worlds of drugs and trade intersect, and what new ways of writing this history might be valuable? Rather than identify answers and solutions, this one-day gathering seeks to raise questions and identify shared interests.



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*09.00 arrivals*

09.15-20

Welcome and opening statement, Anne Gerritsen

09.20-09.50

Julie Parle (University of KwaZulu-Natal), 'Tales of a teratogen: Is there a history of thalidomide in Africa?'

09.50-10.20

Anne Pollock (Georgia Institute of Technology & King's College London), 'Synthesizing Hope: Matter, Knowledge and Place in South African Drug Discovery'

*10.20 – 10.50 BREAK*

10.50-11.20

James Mills (Strathclyde), 'Migrant Medicines? Cannabis, cocaine and colonialism, c. 1870 to 1930'

11.20-11.50

Anjana Singh, 'Materia medica on the move: Hortus Malabaricus, an early modern Eurasian knowledge network'

11.50-12.20

Nandini Bhattacharya, 'Disparate Remedies: Making Medicines in Modern India'.

*12.30 to 14.00 LUNCH*

14.00-14.30

Thembisa Waetjen (University of Johannesburg), 'Intoxicant substances and medicines in (early) 20th century South Africa: Chronologies, Circulations, Biographies'

14.30- 15.00 Anne Gerritsen, 'Medicine, knowledge and place: early modern Eurasian circulations of medicine'

15.00- 16.30

Round table discussion, with short opening statements (5 min max.) from:

1. Hornberger, Julia (Wits)
2. Jonathan Stadler (Associate Professor, UJ)
3. Glen Ncube (University of Pretoria)
4. Nolwazi Mkhwanazi & Victoria Hume (Medical Humanities, WiSER)

16.30-17.00 summing up and future plans (Anne Gerritsen)

Dinner for participants, Lucky Bean restaurant