

ILLNESS NARRATIVE REVISITED

From the Semiotics of Language to the Materiality of Speech

Oxford, 6-8 December 2012

Venue: Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, 64 Banbury Road, OX2 6PN

A conference of Green Templeton College, University of Oxford, and the *Working Group Medical Diversity* at the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen organised by

Medical Anthropology at the Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology (DAVID PARKIN and ELISABETH HSU), *The Health Experience Group* in the Primary Care Department (LOUISE LOCOCK), and the *Literature and Medicine* academic initiative, Green Templeton College (LAURIE MAGUIRE), University of Oxford, together with the *Working Group Medical Diversity* at the Max Planck Institute, Göttingen (GABI ALEX and KRISTINE KRAUSE)

Thursday, 6 December 2012

Session organised by the Health Experience Group (DipEX) in the Primary Care Department (LOUISE LOCOCK, University of Oxford)

- 9.30 – 10.30am **Keynote:** SUE ZIEBLAND (University of Oxford) [healthtalkonline](#)
- 10.30am – 12.30pm **Language and emotions in illness narratives: examples from DIPEX international collections**
LOUISE LOCOCK (University of Oxford): **Metaphoric language and the articulation of emotions by people affected by motor neurone disease**
GABRIELE LUCIUS HOENE (University of Freiburg) **Doctors' voices in patients' narratives: coping with emotions in storytelling**
MAYA LAVIE-AJAYI and MICHAL KRUMER-NEVO (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev): **Chronic pain as a narratological distress: a phenomenological study**

Sessions organised by Medical Anthropology (ISCA, Oxford and MPI, Göttingen)

- 2.00 – 2.30 pm **Introductory address** by VIEDA SKULTANS (University of Bristol): **Narrative in Medical Anthropology**
- 3 – 4 pm **Keynote** by KATHRYN GUERTS (Hamline University): **Seselelame: An African Counterpoint to Mind/Body Dualism**
- 4.30 – 6.00 pm **Intonation, melody and pronunciation**
ESTELLE AMY DE LA BRETEQUE (Universidade Nova de Lisboa): **"Burning hearts": Melodised narration of pain and loss among the Yezidis of Armenia**
ELISABETH HSU: **Thriving on misunderstandings: Cross-cultural communication in Chinese medical clinics on the East African coast**
CÉCILE VIGOUROUX (Simon Fraser University): Discussant

Friday, 7 December 2012

- 9.00 – 10.30 **Things, technologies and spaces**
ALEJANDRO REIG (University of Oxford): **Yanomami wellbeing, perceived and expressed health at the crossroads of different regimes of signification**
JOHANNA GONÇALVES MARTIN (University of Cambridge): **Where the paths of spirits and the paths of health meet: doing disease in a Yanomami health post**
HANNAH BRADBY (University of Essex): Discussant
- 11.00 – 12.30pm **Forms, formulas and etiquettes**
MICHI KNECHT (University of Bremen): **Narratives of reification and personification in the field of assisting reproductive technologies**

- 2.00 – 3.00 pm **RIJK VAN DIJK** (African Studies Centre Leiden): **Counselling and the anxieties of class: New socio-economic contexts and the shaping of narratives of the intimate in Botswana**
RENE GERRETS (University of Amsterdam): Discussant
Keynote by LAWRENCE COHEN (University of California, Berkeley): **The material of narration: How story evades meaning across dementia and transplantation worlds in India and North America**

Session organised by the Literature and Medicine Group at Green Templeton College (LAURIE MAGUIRE, PETER FRIEND, University of Oxford)

- 3.30 – 5.30pm **Language and Communication in Clinical Encounters**
PAUL LAZARUS (University of Leicester): **'Euphemism and the D-word'**
SOPHIE RATCLIFFE (Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford): **'Patients' perceptions of narrative obligation'**
JO WINNING (Birkbeck College, London): **'(Mis)communication'**
MARION TURNER (Jesus College, Oxford): **'Medieval Illness Narratives'**
ANDREW SCHUMAN (Primary Health Care, Oxford): Respondent
LAURIE MAGUIRE (Magdalen College, Oxford): Chair
- 6.00 – 7.00pm **Interdisciplinary Roundtable**
with participants from the Health Experience Group, Literature and Medicine, Medical Anthropology and discussants from socio linguistics and study of narratives including: CÉCILE VIGOUROUX, VIEDA SKULTANS, JEFFREY ARONSON, LAURIE MAGUIRE, HANNAH BRADBY, LOUISE LOCOCK, ELISABETH HSU, moderated by RENE GERRETS

Saturday, 8 December 2012

Sessions organised by Medical Anthropology (ISCA and MPI)

- 9 – 11 am **Spiritual healing, prophetic language and botanicals**
DAVID PARKIN (University of Oxford): **Interruption as prosody in healing: Muslim and 'Muslim' medical discourses**
RAMON SARRO (University of Oxford): **The invention of writing: between healing and madness**
GABRIEL LE FÈVRE (University of Oxford): **A Malagassy healer's life story**
SIMON DEIN (University College London): Discussant
- 11.30am – 1.00pm **Taking stock and closure**
Concluding statements by CÉCILE VIGOUROUX, KATHRYN GUERTS, LAWRENCE COHEN, GABI ALEX, moderated by KRISTINE KRAUSE (Max Planck Institute, Göttingen)



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