

Magic and Medicine: Conceptions of Causality in Processes of Healing

Workshop of the Research Group
“The Cultural Constitution of Causal Cognition”

In “Long Table”
12th – 13th December 2011

Updated Programme

11th December 2011

19:00 Informal drinks at Bielefelder Hof (conference hotel),
with optional visit of the Christmas Market (15min walk, downtown)

12th December 2011

- 9:30 *Introduction*
York Hagmayer, Hans Markowitsch and Thomas Widlok
(workshop convenors)
- 10:15 *Magic in Medicine? Causal Beliefs in Healing Rituals*
Bernd-Christian Otto (Erfurt University)
- 11:15 Coffee break
- 11:45 *Evidence from the Supernatural: Evaluating Ritual Efficacy*
Cristine Legare (University of Texas, Austin)
- 12:45 Lunch
- 14:15 *Causes and Probabilities for Health*
Federica Russo (Kent University and Free University Brussels)
- 15:15 *Shamanism (Meditation, Yoga, Non-Dual Mindfulness):
A Magical or a Deep Ecological Healing Consciousness?*
Renaud van Quekelberghe (Koblenz University, Landau)
- 16:15 Coffee break
- 16:45 *How Different Indian Medical Practitioners explain Rising Rates of Depression*
Stefan Ecks (Edinburgh University)
- 18:00 Dinner at ZiF

13th December 2011

- 9:30 *Clinical Causal Reasoning in Mental Health Care*
 Cilia Witteman (Nijmegen University)
- 10:30 Coffee break
- 11:00 *Tracing Topoi: Causality in Witch Construction, Divination and Sukuma Magic*
 Koen Stroeken (Gent University)
- 12:00 Lunch
- 13:30 *Magical Moments and Pathological Aspects of Body Modification*
 Aglaja Stirn and Johanna Möller (Westklinikum Hamburg)
- 14:30 *Conclusions and Way Forward*
 York Hagmayer and Thomas Widlok
- 15:30 Coffee
- Visit of the Christmas Market downtown
- 18:00 Dinner at „Glück und Seligkeit“
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