

# **Situating Efficacy: Biomedicine, Interdisciplinarity, and the Politics of Intervention**

**February 16 - 17, 2015  
Brocher Foundation Symposium Programme**

The programme for this symposium involves a novel structure intended to promote a high level of exchange between the participants. In place of lengthy presentations, all papers will be made available on a secure website (Dropbox) in advance of the symposium and to which speakers and registered participants will be invited. All participants should be familiar with the content of each paper prior to the symposium. Two discussants from the list of speakers will raise issues from/pose questions of each paper (approx 10 mins per discussant) to which the author of the paper would have an opportunity to respond before an open discussion of the issues/conceptual/empirical matters raised.

## **MONDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2015**

**10.00 – 10.30** Welcome – Brocher Foundation representative and by organisers **Dan Neyland, Marsha Rosengarten & Martin Savransky**

**10.30 – 11.15** Session One - Chair Dan Neyland

***What if Health Were the Truth of the Body? Speculative Thoughts for Situating Efficacy***  
**[Martin Savransky & Marsha Rosengarten]**

Discussant 1 **Ann Kelly**

Discussant 2 **Bob Grant**

**11.15 – 11.30** Coffee break

**11.30– 1.00** Session Two - Chair Vera Ehrenstein

***Please PrEP me now*** [Robert Grant]

Discussant 1 **Kane Race**

Discussant 2 **Martin Savransky**

***Open effects: Exploring understandings of effectiveness in demonstration projects of HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis*** [Dean Murphy]

Discussant 1 **Catherine Montgomery**

Discussant 2 **Bill Gaver**

**1.00 – 2.00 Lunch**

**2.00 – 3.30 Session Three - Chair Dean Murphy**

***Efficacious TB treatment in a field of diagnostic paucity: Rolling out GeneXpert for TB diagnosis in Nepal* [Ian Harper]**

Discussant 1 Vera Ehrenstein

Discussant 2 Bill Gaver

***'Patient Horizons': Popular and Statistical Enactments of the RCT's Experimental Borders'* [Catherine Montgomery]**

Discussant 1 Dan Neyland

Discussant 2 Bob Grant

**3.30 – 4.00 Coffee**

**4.00 – 5.30 Session Four - Chair Marsha Rosengarten**

***Vaccine (s)-for-money: evaluative practices in public aid interventions on vaccine markets.* [Dan Neyland and Vera Ehrenstein]**

Discussant 1 Ian Harper

Discussant 2 Ann Kelly

***Ebola Clinical Trials: Accelerated Experiments, Repurposed Evidence* [Ann Kelly]**

Discussant 1 Kane Race

Discussant 2 Dan Neyland

**TUESDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2015**

**9.00 –10.30 Session Five - Chair Bob Grant**

***Situating efficacy: HIV and Ebola RCTs and the care of biomedical abstractions* [Marsha Rosengarten & Martin Savransky]**

Discussant 1 Catherine Montgomery

Discussant 2 Dean Murphy

***Number-Crunching: Situating the sexual sciences with gay devices* [Kane Race]**

Discussant 1 Ian Harper

Discussant 2 Marsha Rosengarten

**10.30 – 11.00 Coffee**

**11.00 – 12.30 Session Six - Chair Anne Kelly**

***Probes and workbooks: Using design-led methods to open 'efficacy*** [Bill Gaver]

Discussant 1 **Dean Murphy**

Discussant 2 **Vera Ehrenstein**

*This session will include a methodology and future collaboration discussion.*

**12.30 - 1.15 Lunch**

**1.15 – 14.00 Roundtable with all participants - Chair Kane Race**

**Close**

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