

AIM OF THE WORKSHOP

Biomedicine and the related bioethical problems were only associated with highly industrialised, Western health care systems for a long time. Today, most non-Western or developing countries also face the implementation of biomedicine on different levels – and the rise of cultural, social and ethical questions.

The workshop aims at analysing the relationship between local and global biomedical practices from a social and an ethical point of view. The connectedness and mutual dependence of cultural variety, national legal and economic frameworks and, additionally, public trust in and responsibility of the medical profession can best be highlighted and examined by a cross-cultural comparison. For this purpose, the juxtaposition of India and Germany provides an ideal setting. While in both countries, biomedical research and practise are well established, they differ in the cultural framing with regard to factors such as medical tradition, religion/secularity and gender as well as in the socio-economical background.

Within this field, special attention should be drawn to the **gender dimension in biomedicine and health issues**. Medical tourism, mobility of body and body parts, giving birth, ageing and health care will be discussed.

A closed workshop with sufficient time for discussion and interdisciplinary exchange is scheduled to ensure an intensive dialogue between the different disciplines.

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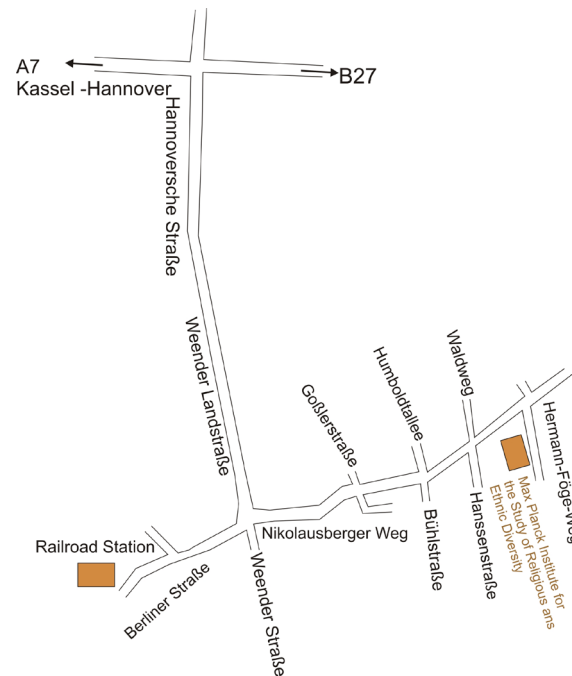
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„Moving bodies – transforming values“ – Socio-cultural and ethical issues of transnational biomedicine

27th - 28th of November, 2010

Organised by:

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&

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Friday 26th November 2010

Morning/early afternoon **Arrival of Indian scholars**

14.00-17.30 Opening Event of Center of Modern Indian Studies (CeMIS), University of Göttingen

18.00-20.00 Evening Reception (Paulinerkirche) and Welcome Dinner (Historic Observatory)

Saturday 27th November 2010

09.00 **Welcome address**

9.15-9.45 **Introduction**
Silke Schicktanz (Dept. of Medical Ethics and History of Medicine, University Medical Center Göttingen) & **Tulsi Patel** (School for Economics, Delhi University)

Chair: **Sheela Saravan**
(University of Heidelberg, Asia-Europe in a Global Context, Cluster of Excellence)

9.45-10.45 **Tulsi Patel**
(School for Economics, Delhi University):
Biomedical service in India and impacts on gender and ageing

11.00-12.00 **Mala Ramanatha**
(Achutha Menon Centre for Health Science Studies, Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences & Technology, Medical College Trivandrum)
Indian Women's participation in research – ethical issues

12.00-13.30 *Lunch*

Chair: **Regina Bendix**
(Institute for Cultural Anthropology / European Anthropology, University of Göttingen)

13.30-14.30 **Gabriele Alex**
(Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen & Department of Social Anthropology, University of Tübingen)
Ageing in moving ages - cultural differences and similarities

14.45-15.45 **Silke Schicktanz**
(Dept. for Medical Ethics and History of Medicine, University Medical Center Göttingen)
Planing life – planning death

15.45-16.45 **Postersession**

16.45-17.45 **Harish Naraindas**
(Center for the Study of Social Systems, Jawaharlal Nehru University New Delhi)
Medical pluralism and medical tourism

20.00 *Dinner restaurant „Melange“*

Sunday, 28th of November 2010

Chair: **David Parkin**
(Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen)

9.00-10.00 **Sunita Reddy**
(Center of Social Medicine and Community Health, Jawaharlal Nehru University New Delhi)
Reproductive tourism in India

10.30-11.00 *Coffee break*

11.00-12.00 **Claudia Wieseemann**
(Dept. of Medical Ethics and History of Medicine, University Medical Center Göttingen, University of Göttingen)
Reproductive autonomy and medical tourism

12.00-13.30 *Lunch*

13.30-14.30 **Henrike Donner**
(Center of Modern Indian Studies, University of Göttingen)
From private to public. Cesarean birth in India

Chair: **Silke Schicktanz**

14.30-16.00 **Final discussion: research outlook & network opportunities**

18.00 *Dinner restaurant „La Locanda“*

20.00 CeMIS Dance Theater Event (Junges Theater)

**each presentation:
30 min & 30 min discussion**