



SPECULATIVE FUTURES

A workshop and
roundtable
exploring creative
practices in health,
technology and
medicine in the
global South

Speakers

Alice Street (Edinburgh)
Crystal Biruk (Oberlin)
Euclides Gonçalves (Kaleidoscopio)
Heidi Morefield (Johns Hopkins)
Kaushik Sunder Rajan (Chicago)
Kristina Lyons (UC Santa Cruz)
Liliana Gil (New School)
Nolwazi Mkhwanazi (WiSER)
Marko Monteiro (Unicamp)
Peter Redfield (UNC-Chapel Hill)
Ramah McKay (Penn)
Sebastián Ureta (UAH)
Sylvain Landry Faye (UCAD)
Vincent Duclos (Drexel)

Roundtable

Jean Comaroff (Harvard)
Julie Livingston (NYU)
Richard Rottenburg (Halle)
Stacey Langwick (Cornell)

Location: Slought
4017 Walnut St
Philadelphia, PA
19104

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We are pleased to announce "Speculative Futures," a workshop to be held on April 6, 2018 from 9am-5:30 pm. It is organized by Drexel University and the University of Pennsylvania, with the support of the Slought Foundation.

How are new geographies of experimentation and speculation remaking science and medicine? How are techno-scientific and biomedical futures imagined in and beyond the Global South? Bringing together scholars from anthropology, STS, and adjacent fields, this workshop explores how configurations of 'the South' facilitate, produce, and are taken up within new formations of science, technology, and medicine. Through three panel presentations and a public discussion and roundtable, this workshop examines contemporary and historical forms of scientific and medical speculation in the global South.

Science and medicine have long been sites of intervention, experimentation, and speculation in the South. Historians and anthropologists have explored colonial practices of experimentation and intervention, for instance, while archaeologists have examined precolonial modes of science, industry, and production. Anthropological and STS investigations of science and medicine in the South have relied in turn on developmental and institutional framings to understand the forms of epistemological, financial, material and moral value that these engagements generate. Yet these political, economic, and material contexts are changing. Observers, for instance, have hailed "the end of global health," even as increasing attention to "South-South" alignments become sites of both hype and hope, promising to transform, undo, or remake dominant configurations of health, technology, and intervention. What techno-scientific and medical futures are being imagined in light of these shifts, by whom, and with what effects? How do new scientific, technological, and medical practices articulate with practices of producing knowledge, politics, and value? Exploring these questions through diverse ethnographic case studies, this workshop attends to the emergence, consolidation, and contestation of speculative techno-medical futures. It seeks to generate an analytical vocabulary for understanding the emergent configurations through which newly "Southern" scientific, technological, and medical futures are imagined today.

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6 April 2018
Slought, 4017 Walnut

8:30-9:00 Breakfast & Coffee

9:00-9:15 Opening remarks
Ramah McKay, University of Pennsylvania
Vincent Duclos, Drexel University

9:15-11:00 **PANEL 1: SPECULATING FROM THE PAST**
Chair: **Sebastián Gil-Riaño**, University of Pennsylvania

Science, Nature, and Justice in Times of Conflict and Transition
Kristina Lyons, University of California, Santa Cruz

The Pressure of Waste
Peter Redfield, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Ruin and Science: Producing Knowledge out of the Debris of Chilean Regulatory Dreams
Sebastián Ureta, Universidad Alberto Hurtado

Diagnostic Futures After Global Health
Alice Street, University of Edinburgh

11:00-11:15 Break

11:15-13:00 **PANEL 2: GEOGRAPHIES OF SPECULATION & INNOVATION**
Chair: **Susan Bell**, Drexel University

Technological Improvisation: Reinventing Innovation from Brazil
Liliana Gil, The New School

An Indian Present: Speculating on the Clinical South in the Pan-African e-Network
Vincent Duclos, Drexel University

More-than-Global Health: The Many Transnationalisms of Medicine in Mozambique
Ramah McKay, University of Pennsylvania

On Constitutionalism & Financialization: Health and Biomedicine under Two Speculative Regimes
Kaushik Sunder Rajan, University of Chicago



1:00-2:15 Lunch

2:15-4:15 **PANEL 3: SITUATIONS OF KNOWLEDGE**

Chair: **Nada Matta**, Drexel University

Counterfeiting Futures: 'Fake Gays' and Queer Temporalities in Malawian NGO Worlds
Crystal Biruk, Oberlin College

"Mobilizing" or "Engaging" Communities in Fighting against Ebola in Guinea Conakry
Sylvain Landry Faye, Université Cheikh Anta DIOP

TBD

Euclides Gonçalves, Kaleidoscopio

Appropriate Technology, Independent Futures: Building Self-Sufficiency in Southern Africa
Heidi Morefield, Johns Hopkins University

Governing the Response to Zika: Science, Technology and Global (Ir)responsibilities
Marko Monteiro, State University of Campinas

4:15-4:30 Break

4:30-5:30 **ROUNDTABLE**

Jean Comaroff, Harvard University

Stacey Langwick, Cornell University

Julie Livingston, NYU

Richard Rottenburg, University of Halle-Wittenberg

5:30-5:45 Closing remarks

Vincent Duclos, Drexel University

Ramah McKay, University of Pennsylvania

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