

GETTING OUR HANDS DIRTY

CRITICAL ENGAGEMENTS WITH DATA IN THE LIFE SCIENCES

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Data are never raw findings, but are rather collected, cleansed and processed in accordance with specific rules. This workshop seeks to address critical issues about data and matter in the life sciences.

The definition of data depends not only on the scientific discipline but, more broadly, on the knowledge cultures of specific fields.

The distinction brings forth opposing definitions of purity in research, and consequently, even if not explicitly, opposing definitions of dirt: findings in the life sciences seem to be polluted by the influence of historicity, culture and politics, whereas the humanities have seemed for a long time to attempt to avoid and disavow the uncanny realms of matter and ontology.

How can we cross some of these clear-cut borders and engage with both notions of dirt?

Further information:

<https://www.gender.hu-berlin.de/de/veranstaltungen/gender-kolloquien/data-in-the-life-sciences>

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Colloquium
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Geschlechterstudien (ZtG)

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Room 2070a



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Program

09:15 – 09:30

Welcome

09:30 – 11:00

Sofia Varino (Stony Brook University):
“Data Assemblages: (Un)making Celiac disease”
Respondent: **Lisa Malich (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)**

Magdalena Gorska (Linköping University): “Posthumanism and Intersectionality: On Developing Materially Agential Analysis”
Respondent: **Pat Treusch (Technische Universität Berlin)**

Chair: **Lotta Fiedel**

11:00 – 11:15

Coffee Break

11:15 – 12:45

Lotta Fiedel (GeUmGe-Net Research Project, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin): “Configuring gender in quantitative data: challenges and chances for environmental health research”
Respondent: **Bettina Bock von Wülfingen (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)**

Diana Schellenberg (Technische Universität Berlin): “,Depends on who’s asking’ - Sex/Gender Definitions in Empirical Research”
Respondent: **Fiona Kalkstein (Universität Duisburg-Essen)**

Chair: **Sofia Varino**

12:45 – 14:15

Lunch

14:15 – 15:45

Victoria Pitts-Taylor (Wesleyan University):
“The Brain’s Body: Neuroscience and Corporeal Politics”
Respondent: **Vanessa Lux (Ruhr-Universität Bochum)**

Ngubia Kessé (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin): “Gender Race and privilege: situating neuroscience research in the politics of power”
Respondent: **Evelyn Hayn (Hertie School of Governance, Berlin)**

Chair: **Lisa Malich**

15:45 – 16:00

Coffee Break

16:15 – 17:30

Keynote

Margrit Shildrick (Linköping University): “Body Shock: Unsettling the biosciences through postconventional materialities”

Chair: **Kerstin Palm**