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The Case of the Human Working Conference

September 5-8, 2024

Neubauer Collegium for Culture and Society

The University of Chicago

Paul Klee, *A Woman for Gods*, 1938



Thursday, September 5

12:00 p.m. **Core Organizers Planning Session**
4th Floor

7:30 p.m. **Full Project and COTH Team Meeting and Dinner**

*Editorial team to meet in Hyatt Place lobby
(5225 S. Harper Ave.)*

Friday, September 6

8:00 a.m. **Registration**

8:30 a.m. **Welcome**

Elspeth Carruthers (Neubauer Collegium)
David Meltzer (University of Chicago)

Introduction/Overview

Scott Stonington (University of Michigan)
Mayssa Rekhis (University of Gothenburg)
Mirko Pasquini (University of Gothenburg)
Seth Holmes (University of California, Berkeley)

11:00 a.m. **Breakout Sessions**

*Working groups discussing cases and
exchanging feedback. Lunch provided.*

D1.B1

Seminar Room (3rd Floor)

D1.B2

Gallery (1st Floor)

D1.B3

Collaborative Studio (3rd Floor)

D1.B4

Forum (1st Floor)

D1.B5

Reading Room (2nd Floor)

D1.B6

Office Suites (3rd Floor)



2:00 p.m.

**The Case of the Human: Panel Discussion
between the Humanities and Medicine**

This roundtable brings together clinicians and scholars in the humanities and humanistic social sciences to discuss their work in relation to the broad aims of the Case of the Human project and the development of concepts bridging the humanities and medicine.

Roundtable Participants

Alhelí Calderón Villarreal

Social-Environmental Tijuana River Project

María Carrión

FiSahara International Film Festival

Salek Ali Mohamed Elabd

Sahrawi Health, Algeria

Tinashe Goronga

EqualHealth; Center for Health Equity, Zimbabwe

Zolelwa Sifumba

TB Proof, South Africa

Moderators

Junko Kitanaka

Keio University, Tokyo

Eugene Raikhel

University of Chicago

3:30 p.m.

Structured Writing Time

Co-authors

5:00 p.m.

Core Organizers Planning Session

4th Floor

6:00 p.m.

Full Project and COTH Team Meeting

4th Floor

7:00 p.m.

Dinner

Forum (1st Floor)



Saturday, September 7

- 9:00 a.m. **Introduction**
Scott Stonington (University of Michigan)
Mayssa Rekhis (University of Gothenburg)
Mirko Pasquini (University of Gothenburg)
Seth Holmes (University of California, Berkeley)
- 10:00 a.m. **Breakout Sessions**
- D2.B1**
Seminar Room (3rd Floor)
- D2.B2**
Gallery (1st Floor)
- D2.B3**
Forum (1st Floor)
- D2.B4**
Reading Room (2nd Floor)
- D2.B5**
Collaborative Studio (3rd Floor)
- D2.B6**
Office Suites (3rd Floor)
- 12:30 p.m. **Lunch and Discussion of Cases Concepts**
Scott Stonington (University of Michigan)
Mayssa Rekhis (University of Gothenburg)
Mirko Pasquini (University of Gothenburg)
Seth Holmes (University of California, Berkeley)
- 2:00 p.m. **Structured Writing Time**
Co-authors
- 5:00 p.m. **Core Organizers Planning Session**
4th Floor
- 6:00 p.m. **Full Project and COTH Team Meeting**
4th Floor
- 7:00 p.m. **Dinner**
Ascione Bistro (1500 E. 55th St.)



Sunday, September 8

9:00 a.m.

Introduction

Scott Stonington (University of Michigan)

Mayssa Rekhis (University of Gothenburg)

Mirko Pasquini (University of Gothenburg)

Seth Holmes (University of California, Berkeley)

10:00 a.m.

Breakout Sessions

Feedback and discussion of the revised cases

D3.B1

Office Suites (3rd Floor)

D3.B2

Reading Room (2nd Floor)

D3.B3

Collaborative Studio (3rd Floor)

D3.B4

Forum (1st Floor)

D3.B5

Gallery (1st Floor)

D3.B6

Seminar Room (3rd Floor)

12:30 p.m.

Lunch and Next Steps

Scott Stonington (University of Michigan)

Mayssa Rekhis (University of Gothenburg)

Mirko Pasquini (University of Gothenburg)

Seth Holmes (University of California, Berkeley)

2:00 p.m.

Full Project and COTH Team Meeting



About the Project

Between the humanities and medicine there exist numerous definitions of the human, from different perspectives and with different political implications. In recent decades, these disparate fields have built a tentative and growing dialogue. However, truly multidisciplinary research between the two is still rare. **The Case of the Human** project at the Neubauer Collegium aims not merely at translating existing theory across humanities and medicine, but rather at co-producing new plural knowledge of the human that transcends epistemological boundaries. The project creates novel, multidisciplinary, and pluralistic knowledge on the human along three important axes: the human as body, as social, and as subject. We achieve this goal through three key aims, each involving specific outputs: 1) co-developing novel, plural knowledge on the human, through a multidisciplinary research conference series; 2) disseminating new knowledges on the human, through a collaborative case series published in *The Lancet*; and 3) fostering community reflection and personal engagement on the human, through collective writing on this collaborative process. The project is led by a group of scholars and practitioners in medicine, the humanities, and the humanistic social sciences, in partnership with Janna Palmer, Executive Editor at *The Lancet*. *The Lancet* editorial team will review the final submitted essays, and will select content for publication in the journal.

About the Neubauer Collegium

The Neubauer Collegium for Culture and Society cultivates communities of inquiry at the University of Chicago. Our faculty-led research projects bring together scholars and practitioners whose collaboration is required to address complex human challenges. Our Visiting Fellows program brings the best minds from around the world for collaboration, animating the intellectual and creative environment on campus. Our gallery presents art exhibitions in the context of academic research, and our public events invite broad engagement with the scholarly inquiries we support. The aim of these activities is to deepen knowledge about the world and our place in it.



About the Conference

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