Environmental Illness Today

Program

15 April
University Main Building, Biskopsgatan 3, room IX

14:00-14:15
Welcome
Ingrid Berg, Center for Integrated Research on Culture and Society

14:15-14:45
Introduction by Michael Boyden and Martin Tondel

14:45-16:15
Environmental Illness in Context: Definitions, Issues, Disciplinary Perspectives
Steve Kroll-Smith, Professor of Sociology, University of North Carolina-Greensboro: Chemicals, Climate, and the Body, Looking with a Sociological Eye
Steven Nordin, Professor of Psychology, Umeå University: Environmental Intolerances: Characteristics, Assessment, and Underlying Mechanisms
16 April
09:00-10:30
Environmental Odors and Sick Buildings, Then and Now

David S. Barnes, Professor of History, University of Pennsylvania: Have We Rediscovered Our Permeability? Learning from the Lost Science of Medical Geography

Dan Norbäck, Professor at the Department of Medical Sciences, Occupational and Environmental Medicine, Uppsala University: Symptoms and Biomarkers in Relation to Indoor Environment: Current Knowledge and Unsolved Issues

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:30
Conditioning, Attribution, Narration I

Omer Van den Bergh, Professor of Health Psychology, Leuven University: Environmental intolerance: an experimental inquiry

Marc Botha, Assistant Professor of English, Durham University: Title tba

12:30-13:30 Lunch

13:30-15:30
Patient Organizations, Contested Symptoms, Grading Systems

Magnus Svartengren, Professor at the Department of Medical Sciences, Occupational and Environmental Medicine, Uppsala University: Evidence-Based Medicine: Sufficient Evidence for Establishing a Policy

Lena Hillert, Associate Professor, Institute of Environmental Medicine, Karolinska Institute: Electromagnetic Hypersensitivity: How Does Society Respond to Self-Reported Ill Health Attributed to Environmental Exposure?

Ylva Söderfeldt, Associate Professor, Department of History of Science and Ideas, Uppsala University: What is the Contest in “Contested Illness”? Patient Organizations and Struggles over Medical Knowledge from a Historical Perspective.
15:30-16:00 Coffee break

16:00-17:30
**Conditioning, Attribution, Narration II**
Karin Jensen, Associate Professor of Clinical Neuroscience, Karolinska Institute: *Explaining the Unexplainable in Medicine: Examples From the Neuroscience of Pain and Placebo Effects*
Jyrki Korkeila, Professor of Psychiatry, University of Turku: *From Anxiety to Illusions and Delusions – What Is Normal?*

17 April
09:00-11:00
**Digital Health, Claims to Toxicity, Precarity**
Tarryn Phillips, Associate Professor in Crime, Justice & Legal Studies, La-Trobe University: *Toxic Truths and Online Odysseys: Digital Placemaking in the Environmental Illness Community*
David Watson, Associate Professor, Department of English, Uppsala University: “*Some kind of wasting shit*: Living Chronic Times in Toni Cade Bambara’s *The Salt Eaters.*”
Claudia Merli, Associate Professor of Cultural Anthropology, Uppsala University: *Living with Ash: Experience, Protection, and Volcanic Ejecta in Mexico, Indonesia, and Japan*

11:00-12:00
Roundtable

12:00 Symposium ends

14.00-16.00 Excursion to the Museum of Medical History, Eva Lagerwalls väg 8. Bus will transport the participants to and from the Museum.
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