

# TB/HIV

Distinct Histories, Entangled Futures  
Towards an Epistemology of Coinfection



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# Symposium



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**The** treatment and control of coinfections is a key element in the field of global health. As multimorbidity becomes a growing focus in the care of long-time chronic diseases in the North, coinfections receive increased attention mainly in the South. Not only does this pose a novel challenge to pharmaceutical development and public health intervention, but it also brings up pressing questions concerning medical care, health policy making and social and individual experiences with infectious and chronic disease. In sum, coinfections and multimorbidity will pose a challenge not only for practical treatment and care, but also for reflecting on the social and cultural conditions of diseases, their containment and the lives and care trajectories of patients.

**The** symposium has as its aim to raise a set of questions of how to appropriately address coinfections as biosocial phenomena from the per-

spective of the social sciences and humanities. With their focus on patients, care trajectories and health systems, they could make a very valuable contribution to understanding and tackling this ever more pressing problem.

**The** symposium brings together historians, anthropologists and sociologists that have been researching on single diseases – tuberculosis or HIV/AIDS – with public health professionals that have addressed both diseases in their everyday practice for the last ten years. It will formulate new research questions and start to develop a methodology to understand coinfections and their control as entangled objects. The event shall thus be a starting point for a long needed methodological and epistemological debate on how to write histories and ethnographies of coinfections and/or multimorbidity in close dialogue with public health professionals to address practical problems in the field.

## 27 February 2014 (Thursday)

9:00-10:00: Welcoming and Introduction  
Lukas Engelmann / Janina Kehr – Beyond Single Diseases

### Session 1: Between Separation and Integration

10:00-11:30  
Gerald Oppenheimer - AIDS as a Disease of Co-Infection: Its Meaning and Implications for Epidemiology and Public Health Policy

Flurin Condrau – The End of Disease Biographies? Writing the History of Infectious Diseases under the Challenge of Coinfection

11:30 - 11:45 Coffee Break

11:45 - 13:00  
Haileyesus Getahun – Evolution of Global Public Health Response on the HIV-associated TB: the Bottlenecks and the Enablers

Peter Godfrey-Faussett – Phthisis and Concupiscence – Entangled for a Century

13:00 - 14:30 Lunch Break

14:30 - 17:00  
Hella von Unger / Dennis Odukoya – The Different Iconographies of HIV and TB

Amrita Daftary – The Contrasting Cultures of TB/HIV Health Care

Laurent Vidal – Struggle against AIDS and Tuberculosis: Ideal and Ideology of Integration

17:00 - 17:30 Coffee Break

17:30 - 19:00  
Salmaan Keshavjee – Keynote

## 28 February 2014 (Friday)

### Session 2: Beyond Singularities

8:30 - 10:30  
Fanny Chabrol – HIV and Hepatitis C Coinfection in Cameroon

Julie Livingston – Scaling the Trifecta of HIV, TB, and Cancer in Botswana

Stefan Ecks / Ian Harper – Multimorbidity in a Time of Magic Bullets. HIV, TB, and Mental Health in India and Nepal

10:30-10:45 Coffee Break

### Session 3: Towards Entanglements

10:45-12:45  
Cindy Patton – Imperative or Cohortative? “Stop” in the Context of Complexity

Todd Meyers – The Poisonous Ingenuity of Time: Coincidence, Treatment-Seeking, and Return in a Study of Chronic Illness

Marsha Rosengarten – Multi-morbidity and its Potentiality for Novel Collaboration

12:45 - 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 - 15:30  
Roundtable with all participants:  
Towards an Epistemology of Coinfection

15.30-16:00 Final Remarks