“Bads” in Healthcare

Negative Experience as an Impetus to Reform in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries

European Conference
21st and 22nd of June 2018

School of Health, Zurich University of Applied Sciences (ZHAW)
Technikumstr. 71, CH-8401 Winterthur (Switzerland)

Programme (final version)
Introduction

an act of succour for the needy — a performance of affection and economy in the private household — a natural gift of women — a science based procedure — a necessity for national public health — a practice of the self-improvement —

Many such cultural notions of ‘good care’ have been passed on from the long 19th Century to the present days. But, as actual discussions of past and present care conditions show, moral concepts, skills and knowledge in healthcare do not mean that things never go wrong.

This Conference proposes therefore to look closely at „Bads“ in the history of nursing, midwifery and other professions in healthcare. What shaped the perception of bad care? Who was held responsible for it? What dilemmas did individual, had collective actors have to solve? How or, why not could negative experiences in healthcare contribute to reforms? With a focus of these questions, scholars from a range of disciplines, namely historians and historical researchers in nursing, midwifery, social science and medicine present the results of their investigations. The Conference offers an opportunity for discussions, which interlink theories and methods of historical research with ethical questions.

Conference Committee

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The conference organisers would like to invite:

- anyone with teaching or managing positions and an interprofessional orientation in health and social professions
- researchers in the field of History and Ethic of Health, Nursing, Midwifery and Medicine as well as Medical Humanities.
Thursday, 21st of June 2018 (Morning Session)

08.15 **Registration** — TN EO.46

08.45 **Welcoming** — TN EO.46
Sabina Roth, Independent Historian, Zurich, president GPG-HSS
Andreas Gerber-Grote, Professor PhD (School of Health, Zurich University of Applied Sciences, Winterthur)

09.00 **Keynote Lecture** — TN EO.46
Karen Nolte, Professor PhD (University of Heidelberg)
„Nursing Care as an Act of Love“ – Ideas on the Ethics of Nursing in the Long Nineteenth Century
Chair: Vincent Barras, Professor PhD (Institute of the Humanities in Medicine, University of Lausanne)

10.00 **Coffee** — in the lobby TN E0.92

10.30 **Panel 1** — TN 02.11 and **Panel 2** — TN EO.46

**Panel 1** Nurses’ Reflections on Bad Care (20th century)
Chair: Gerard M. Fealy, Professor (School of Nursing, Midwifery and Health Systems, University College Dublin)
Séverine Pilloud, Professor PhD and Emilie Bovet PhD (Institut et Haute Ecole de la Santé La Source, Lausanne)
„Moral Mistakes“ and „Professional Failure“ in Healthcare: Evolution of Common Complaints from Patients, Families, Physicians or Hospital Directions and the Development of Ethical Discourses about Care between 1890 and 1970.
Susana Santos-Ruiz, PhD (Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona)
Life Stories of Nurses of the Franco and post-Franco Regime in Catalan-speaking Territory: Barriers to Professional Development.
Martina Blättler (University of Lucerne)
Female Healthcare Professionalism in the Second Half of the 20th Century: the Perspective of Swiss German Deaconesses.

**Panel 2** Approaches to the Patient’s Negative Experience
Chair: Vincent Barras, Professor PhD (Institute of the humanities in medicine, University of Lausanne)
Sabina Roth, Independent Historian (Zurich)
„Inaccurate Treatment and Negligence“: A Widow’s Experience with the Fatal Naturopathic Cure of her Husband in 1868.
Cecile aan de Stegge, PhD, Independent Historian (Bunnik)
Fré Dommisse and Her Plea for Asylumnurses as “Anti-Stigma Agitants” (1929-1939)
Karoliina Maanmieli, PhD (University of Jyväskylä)
Memories of Abuse in Finnish Psychiatric Hospitals.
12.10 **Plenary Discussion — TN EO.46** “Bads” in Healthcare: Problems of Historical Research

*Input:* Sabine Schlegelmilch, PhD (University of Würzburg) and Karen Nolte, Professor PhD (University of Heidelberg)

*Bad Nurses on the Move.*

*Chair:* Gerard M. Fealy, Professor (School of Nursing, Midwifery and Health Systems, University College Dublin)

*Short input:* Katharina Fierz, PhD (Institute of Nursing, School of Health ZHAW)

13.00 **Address of Welcome — TN EO.46** Michael Künzle, Mayor of Winterthur

13.15 **Lunch** — in the lobby TN E0.92

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**Thursday, 21st of June 2018 (Afternoon Session)**

14.30 **Panel 3 — TN 02.11** and **Panel 4 — TN EO.46**: first part

15.30 **Coffee** — in the lobby TN E0.92

16.00 **Panel 3 — TN 02.11** and **Panel 4 — TN EO.46**: second part

**Panel 3** “Bads” Construed by Medical Power

*Chair:* Véronique Hasler, PhD (HESAV, University of Lausanne)

Eileen J. B. Thower, PhD, and Marylou Carr (Frontier Nursing University, Carrollton)


Sabine Braunschweig, PhD (Bureau of Social History, Basel)

*Charlatanny or Serious Therapeutic Practice? An Electric Therapeutic and Lightbath-Institute in the Critics at the Beginning of the 20th Century.*

Anna Urbach, Physician (Otto-von-Guericke University, Magdeburg)

*Too pious, too political, too mad. Disobedient nursing staff employed at the epileptic asylum of Uchtspringe (1894–1933).*

Kateryna Ruban (New York University)

*Modern Doctors vs the Old Regime: Debates about the Decriminalization of Abortions in the Late Russian Empire and Early Soviet Union.*

**Panel 4** Questioning Changes for better Healthcare

*Chair:* Sara Bernasconi, PhD, Historian (Zurich)

Stuart Wildman, PhD (University of Birmingham)

*Reforming Bad Care in the Workhouse: England 1834-1914.*

Kristina Popova, Associate Professor, PhD (South-West University Neofit Rilski, Blagoevgrad)

*The „Curative-Protective Hospital Regime“ Concept in the Medical Practice in USSR and in Eastern Europe in the 1950s.*

Claire Chatterton, PhD and Helena Ann Mitchell, PhD (The Open University, Milton Keynes)

„Bads” in healthcare - women with postpartum psychosis and their babies

Nannie Wiegman (Florence Nightingale Institute, Culemborg)

„Bads” in Nursing: A century of decubitus treatment (1890-1990)

17.00 **End of first day**

19.00 **Conference Dinner**

Restaurant Goldenberg (on terrace in nice weather)
Friday, 22nd of June 2018 (Morning Session)

08.30 Panel 5 — TN EO.46 Healthcare in Extreme Times 1
Chair: Sabine Braunschweig, PhD (Bureau of Social History, Basel)
Janet Hargreaves, PhD (University of Huddersfield)
„A government responsible for that state of affairs should be expelled from the country“: Nurses in Rebellion.
Cristina Moreno Mulet, PhD (Universitat dels Illes Balears)
Neither Angels nor Devils: Actions for Normalization and Resistance of an Australian Nurse during the Spanish Civil War (1936-1939).

09.30 Coffee — in the lobby TN E0.92

09.50 Keynote Lecture — TN EO.46
Christine Hallett, Professor PhD (University of Manchester)
„Above and beyond the Sphere of Politics”: Dilemmas of Neutrality, Care and Humanitarianism in Wartime Europe (1914-1918).
Chair: Anna Elsner, PhD (IBME, University of Zurich)

10.50 Short Break

11.00 Panel 6 — TN EO.46 and Panel 7 — TN 02.11

Panel 6 Healthcare in Extreme Times 2
Chair: Anna Elsner, PhD (IBME, University of Zurich)
Luc De Munck (KU Leuven B)
„Bads“ in the Daily Practices of Belgian Nurses During the First World War.
Anna La Torre (University of Milano)
„Good nursing in bad times.” Working as a nurse in Policlinico Hospital in Milan during the Nazi- Government (1943-1945).
Anja K. Peters, PhD (Neubrandenburg D)
The Midwife of Ravensbruck.

Panel 7 Dilemma of Care in Public Health
Chair: Christian Sammer, PhD des. (University of Heidelberg)
Mary D. Lagerwey, PhD (Western Michigan University)
Eugenics and Healthy Families: Socially Constructed Discourses of Interdependence.
Audrey Bonvin (University of Fribourg)
Hysteric „momières“ or heroic mothers? White Ribboner’s mobilization, transnational cooperation and temperance education.
Maria Eugenia Galiana-Sánchez, Professor PhD (University of Alicante)

12.30 Final Discussion— TN EO.46 Improving Healthcare by understanding its “Bads”.
Chair: Sabina Roth, Independent Historian (Zurich)
with short inputs from the panels 3 – 7.

13.00 Lunch — in the lobby TN E0.92

14.00 End of Conference