Marginalisation & the Microbe Biographies Speaker







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About the project

Marginalisation and the Microbe is a Wellcome Trust funded project arising from Dr Catherine Will's Investigator Award.

The project involves researchers based at the University of Sussex, Brighton and Sussex Medical School and NHS trusts in London, Cumbria and Brighton. The project asks how to mobilize on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) without reaffirming and re-inscribing inequality.

On 22-23 November 2022, we will welcome a range of speakers including social scientists, clinicians and bioethicists for a conference. Find out more about our speakers in this speaker biography booklet.



Dr Chi Eziefula

Brighton and Sussex Medical School

Dr Chi Eziefula is a Senior Lecturer in Infection at Brighton & Sussex Medical School and an Honorary Consultant in Infectious Diseases and Microbiology at Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust. She is co-director of CORTH, Centre for Cultures of Reproduction, Technologies. Chi combines hands on clinical care in infection, tropical medicine and medical microbiology with global health research. Her global health expertise has been supported by Wellcomefunded research positions based in Kenya and Uganda.



Eleanor Kashouris

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Eleanor Kashouris is a doctoral student in sociology at the University of Sussex, working on the 'Marginalisation and the Microbe' project. Her work on the project looks at patient experiences of hard-to-treat urinary symptoms. Recognizing that responses to anti-microbial resistance have the potential to further entrench existing health inequalities, this research will explore how UTI appears in policy mobilizations on AMR, with particular attention to how a role for patients is imagined. In this way, it is hoped that attention will be drawn to what issues just and effective responses to AMR might consider. Eleanor is also a member of the Department of Health Advisory Committee on Antimicrobial Prescribing, Resistance and Healthcare Associated Infection (APRHAI).



Dr Annie Joseph

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Dr Annie Joseph is a Consultant Microbiologist and lead on Antimicrobial Stewardship at Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust. She is a standing member on the NICE Antimicrobial Guidelines committee. As a former Health Education England East Midlands Innovation fellow, Annie worked to improve and integrate the appropriate use of diagnostics and antimicrobials in primary and secondary care, developing a strong interest in UTI and diagnostic stewardship. Dr Joseph has subspecialty experience in community microbiology, urological and obstetric infections. She has worked on several national guidelines and committees relating to diagnosis and management of UTI, and together with Dr Tom Lewis, established the national Complex UTI multi-disciplinary team forum, to support and develop the management of complex UTI across the country.



Dr Tom Lewis

Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust

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Dr Tom Lewis is a Consultant Microbiologist in North Devon and lead on Antibiotic Stewardship. He is a national lead on the pathology GIRFT ('Get It Right First Time') programme and has also been involved in developing training materials for TARGET, the national antimicrobial stewardship programme for primary care. Dr Lewis has expertise in supporting patients with hard-to-treat urinary symptoms, a group often recognized to be under-served and under-supported. Locally, he has run a recurrent UTI clinic jointly with urology colleagues for over six years. Nationally, he was involved in setting up a complex UTI MDT.



Prof Paula Saukko

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Prof Paula Saukko is a medical sociologist focusing on health, mental health and technologies, from social media and online genetic tests to cardiovascular risk assessment and urinary dipsticks. The presentation is based on a qualitative study on healthcare professionals' and older adults' (n=42) experiences of diagnosing urinary tract infections in hospitals.



Dr Catherine Will

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Dr Catherine Will works on the sociology of science and technology at the University of Sussex, and was awarded a Wellcome Investigator grant for the 'Marginalisation and the Microbe' project, studying how to account for inequality in efforts to mobilise against antimicrobial resistance. Dr Will has been ill for the last 18 months but is now back at work and eager to finish up the project. Her ongoing work looks at various types of bacteria (Neisseria gonorrhoea; Mycoplasma genitalium and Escherichia coli) that live with humans through the eyes of scientists, clinicians and patients struggling with recurrent, persistent and resistant infections.



Dr Alena Kamenshchikova

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Dr Alena Kamenshchikova is an Assistant professor at Maastricht University, the Netherlands. Her work focuses on practices of biomedical knowledge production about human-microbial relations, and translation of this knowledge into policies and practices of infectious disease control. Currently, she is working on a project examining how bordering work and securitisation discourses have been intertwined with infectious disease control practices of the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic in the European Union and the United Kingdom.



Dr Ulla McKnight

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Dr Ulla McKnight is a Research Fellow in the Department of Sociology and Criminology at the University of Sussex, working on the Marginalisation and the Microbe project, leading on a multi-sited ethnographic exploration of different forms of mobilisation against AMR in sexual health care clinics in four NHS Trusts in England. Her research foregrounds the significance of race, ethnicity, the imagination, the unspoken and temporality as undervalued components of Sexual health and HIV care from the perspective of both practitioner and patient. Ulla has published in the Sociology of Health and Illness the Feminist Review and in an anthology entitled 'Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Couples with Mixed HIV Status: Beyond Positive/Negative'. She has been awarded a small grant from the NIHR and worked as a consultant on Pfizer's Antimicrobial Resistance task-force and she was a reviewer for the Antibiotic Research UK Small Research Grants/Career Development Awards 2021 - an Antibiotic Research UK award scheme.



Professor Martin Llewelyn

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Professor Martin Llewelyn has worked at BSMS since 2004 and holds an honorary contract at University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust as a Consultant in Infectious Diseases. In 2020 he was appointed Director of Research at the Trust. Over the last ten years Prof Llewelyn has taken on a number on national leadership roles in the field of Infection Medicine and Antimicrobial Stewardship. He was President of the British Infection Association from 2019-2021. He chairs the Royal College of Physicians Joint Specialty Committee on Infectious Diseases, he is a member of the Department of Health Advisory Committee on Antimicrobial Prescribing, Resistance and Healthcare Associated Infection (APRHAI) and he is currently leading a national trial of different antibiotic treatment strategies for urinary tract infection.



Dr Chase Ledin

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Dr Chase Ledin is a Teaching Fellow in Medical Education at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. As a sociologist and historian of public health, his research explores the social and cultural dimensions of HIV and STI health promotion in the UK. He is particularly interested in social transformations in STI technological innovation, antimicrobial resistance, and grassroots sexual health movements. Chase has work published in Sociology of Health and Illness; Culture, Health and Sexuality; and The European Journal of Cultural Studies; and a forthcoming edited collection titled Queering STS. Outwith his research, he is interested in participatory and community-driven methods for improving sexual health education and policy in Scotland.



Dr Suneeta Soni

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Dr Suneeta Soni has been a consultant in Sexual Health and HIV in Brighton since 2010. She is a core member of the British Association for Sexual Health and HIV (BASHH) Bacterial Special Interest Group. She is lead author of the BASHH Mycoplasma Genitalium guideline and is on the writing group for the BASHH Neisseria gonorrhoeae guideline. Suneeta leads the undergraduate teaching for GUM/HIV and medical student Electives programme at Brighton and Sussex Medical School.



Professor Marsha Rosengarten

Goldsmiths, University of London

Professor Marsha Rosengarten is Professor in Sociology and Co-Director of the Centre for Invention and Social Process, Department of Sociology, Goldsmiths, University of London. She is the author of 'HIV Interventions: Biomedicine and the Traffic in Information and Flesh,' co-author with Mike Michael of 'Innovation and Biomedicine: Ethics, Evidence and Expectation in HIV' and co-editor with Alex Wilkie and Martin Savransky of 'Speculative Research: The Lure of Possible Futures'. Recent publications focus on biomedical research within the field of HIV and Covid-19. Her work offers alternative ways of conceiving intervention, bioethics, randomized controlled trials and, hence, the nature of scientific evidence.



Professor Daniel Richardson

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Professor Daniel Richardson is professor of Sexual Health and HIV Medicine and a Consultant at the Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust, working in Western Sydney Sexual Health in 2019. He trained at St Mary's Hospital Medical School in London (now Imperial College of Medicine) and worked at Guy's and St Thomas' and The Chelsea and Westminster Hospitals in London before completing higher specialist training at St Mary's. Professor Richardson became a consultant in sexual health and HIV medicine in Brighton in 2006 and was given an honorary Readership at Brighton & Sussex Medical School in 2018. He was the British Association for Sexual Health and HIV (BASHH) conference organiser from 2012 - 2018. His research and clinical interests are in the sexual health of men who have sex with men and postgraduate medical education.



Professor Bobbie Farsides

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Bobbie Farsides has been Professor of Clinical and Biomedical Ethics at Brighton and Sussex Medical School since 2006. She has been involved in developing the academic field of both theoretical and empirical Bioethics for over thirty years. Bobbie's research has focused on ethical issues raised for scientists and health care professionals engaged in ethically contested areas of biomedical science and healthcare, including antenatal screening and testing, reproductive technologies, organ donation, and palliative care. Most recently, Bobbie's work has looked at the concept of ethical preparedness as related to the mainstreaming of genomic medicine and she is co-PI on the Wellcome Trust funded EPPiGEN project. Professor Farsides has been acting PI on the Marginalisation and the Microbe Project since early spring 2021.



Dr Peter West-Oram

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Dr Peter West-Oram is Lecturer in Bioethics at Brighton and Sussex Medical School (BSMS). He is a political philosopher and bioethicist whose work combines applied research into public health bioethics practice and policy with theoretical questions relating to global justice and ethical theory. This research focuses primarily on questions relating to the origins, nature, and extent of our obligations to other persons, and the causes and consequences of refusals and failures to engage with such obligations in the health care and public health contexts. This work explores the importance of solidarity for health justice and the delivery and maintenance of effective health care and public health systems, and currently focuses on the consequences of failures of solidarity and of conflicts between competing solidarity groups in the context of public and global health.



Professor Patricia Kingori

University of Oxford

Professor Patricia Kingori is a sociologist based at Ethox Centre, University of Oxford, and the Wellcome Centre for Ethics and Humanities. One of Professor Kingori's primary interests lies in exploring the everyday ethical experiences of frontline workers in global health settings. Her research interests intersect the sociology of science and medicine, STS, bioethics and she has extensive experience of undertaking critical examinations of ethics in practice in different countries in Africa and South East Asia. Patricia currently leads a team of researchers on a Wellcome grant exploring concerns around Fakes, Fabrications and Falsehoods in Global Health. She has recently been awarded an 8-year Wellcome Discovery grant, working across four continents in an interdisciplinary team on 'endings' in global health crises.



Dr Jessica Nihlén Fahlquist

Centre for Research Ethics and Bioethics

Dr Jessica Nihlén Fahlquist is associate professor of practical philosophy and a senior lecturer in biomedical ethics at the Centre for Research Ethics and Bioethics. Her research focuses on concepts and notions of moral responsibility in different contexts. She has published articles in public health ethics, risk ethics, the ethics of technology and environmental ethics. Jessica Nihlén Fahlquist received her PhD in Philosophy at the Division of Philosophy at the Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm in 2008. She has conducted two postdoctoral projects at the Ethics and Philosophy of Technology Section at Delft University of Technology and been a visiting scholar at Yale Law School. From October 2021 to April 2022, she was a visiting professor at the Department of Philosophy at Queen's University in Canada. Jessica is responsible for the ethics education at the MD program and the molecular biotechnology program at Uppsala University. Moreover, she teaches two advanced level independent courses on the ethics of public health, one campus-based and one distance learning course.

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