Materia medica on the move II. Contextualizing drug components as collectables, commodities, and cultural markers in the early modern period

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ARTIS
Wednesday, October 4th, 2017
Venue: Hortus Botanicus Amsterdam

19:15-19:45  Registration / Coffee & tea
Indische kas

19:45-19:50  Welcome:
Indische kas  Reinout Havinga (Hortus Botanicus Amsterdam)

19:50-20:00  Opening:
Indische kas  Toine Pieters (Utrecht University)

20:00-21:00  Key note lecture:
Indische kas  Matthew Crawford (Kent State University)
Disturbing drugs: materia medica and the historiography of early modernity

21:00-22:00  Drinks
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Thursday, October 5th, 2017
Venue: ARTIS Library

09:15-09:30  Coffee & tea
Linnaeausaal

09:30-09:45  Warming up:
Merianzaal  Tinde van Andel (Naturalis Biodiversity Center)
A recently discovered treasure from the Dutch East India Company (VOC): 262 watercolour illustrations of medicinal plants and recipes from Ceylon (1694-1722)

09:45-11:00  Parallel sessions:
Merianzaal  1a: Old sources, new perspectives
Chair: Valentina Pugliano (University of Cambridge)

Akif Yerlioglu (Harvard University)
Corpse medicine in the early modern Ottoman Empire

Katarina Lehto (University of Tampere)
Evacuant and stimulating medicines to help the menstrual flow: the dissertation of Peter Elfving published at Utrecht University in 1702

Wouter Klein (Utrecht University)
Brokers in Amsterdam and the drug trade: essential intermediaries on the medical market in the eighteenth century
1b: Books as barometer
Chair: Eric Jorink (Huygens ING)

Dirk Imhof (Museum Plantin-Moretus)
A European bestseller? The distribution of Rembert Dodoens’ Stirpium historiae pemptades sex from 1583
Laia Portet i Codina (University of Cambridge)
A Dominican traveller, an artist, and a grocer-druggist. Engraving the exotic in Paris in the second half of the seventeenth century
Hana Oh (University of Oxford)
Exotic plants and the eighteenth-century English medicine: London Medical Journal, 1780-90

11:00-11:45 Key note lecture:
Merianzaal
Patrick Wallis (The London School of Economics and Political Science)
Medical markets and mobile medicines

11:45-12:00 Coffee break
Linnaeauszaal

12:00-13:15 Parallel sessions:
Merianzaal 2a: Natural history on the spot: relation to the motherland
Chair: Matthew Crawford (Kent State University)

Esther Helena Arens (University of Cologne)
Materia medica in the Water Indies: categories and boundaries in Rumphius’ Ambonese Herbal
Sebastian Kroupa (University of Cambridge)
Jesuit beans and vomitory nuts: Philippine materia medica on the move
Monique Palma (University of Porto)
Surgery and pharmacy in 18th century Portuguese America: frontiers and connections, theories and practices

Library 2b: Virtues of plants, virtues of men
Chair: Bert van de Roemer (University of Amsterdam)

Jane Corrie
Physicians playing the market in Enlightenment Edinburgh
Raymond van der Ham (Naturalis Biodiversity Center)
Dutch materia medica collections: from cradle to grave to revival
Kim Walker (Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew)
A tale of two cities: assembling cinchona bark collections in Leiden and London

13:15-14:15 Lunch
Linnaeauszaal
14:15-15:00  Key note lecture:  
*Merianzaal*  
Valentina Pugliano (University of Cambridge)  
*The truth about nature: uncertainty, adulteration and authenticity in sixteenth-century pharmacy*

15:00-15:15  Short break  
*Linnaeuszaal*

15:15-15:30  *Fac lege artis: plenary introduction*  
*Merianzaal*  
with Nils-Otto Ahnfelt & Hjalmar Fors (Uppsala Universitet)

15:30-16:30  Interactive sessions (groups switch after 25 minutes):  
*Merianzaal*  
3a:  *Fac lege artis: re-enacting pharmaceutical practices of the past*  
with Nils-Otto Ahnfelt & Hjalmar Fors (Uppsala Universitet)  

*Library*  
3b:  *Mini-exhibition of plant illustrations in prints and drawings*  
with Mieke Beumer (ARTIS Library), Hans Mulder (ARTIS Library), Tinde van Andel (Naturalis Biodiversity Centre) and Ariane Scholman (Utrecht University)

16:30-16:45  *Fac lege artis: plenary discussion*  
*Merianzaal*  
Moderator: Sven Dupré (Utrecht University)

16:45-17:30  Drinks  
*Linnaeuszaal*

17:30-18:00  Walk through the city centre

18:00-20:30  Conference diner  
*Kantjil & De Tijger*

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**Friday, October 6th, 2017**  
*Venue: ARTIS Library*

09:15-09:30  Coffee & tea  
*Linnaeuszaal*

09:30-09:45  Warming up:  
*Merianzaal*  
Wouter Klein (Utrecht University)  
*Digging for data on drug trajectories: the Time Capsule platform as an innovative research tool*

09:45-10:30  Key note lecture:  
*Merianzaal*  
Pratik Chakrabarti (University of Manchester)  
*Materia medica and imperialism: the blood in the Jamaican blood flower*
10:30-10:45  Coffee & tea
Linnaezaal

10:45-12:00  Plenary session:
Merianzaal

4:  Drug trajectories
Chair: Toine Pieters (Utrecht University)

- Susann Holmberg (University of Oslo)
  *Guaiacum: locating a cure for syphilis*
- Katrina Maydom (University of Cambridge)
  *Commodifying the Commonwealth: early modern English trade in New World drugs*
- Dominique Juhé-Beaulaton (Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle)
  *Biography of the miraculous fruit (Synsepalum dulcificum): travellers on the West African coast to pharmaceutical laboratories*

12:00-12:20  Book reading by Tom Hillenbrand, author of *Der Kaffeedieb* (*The coffee thief*)
Merianzaal

12:20-12:50  Interview with the author
Merianzaal  Moderator: Djoeke van Netten (University of Amsterdam)

12:50-13:00  Closing remarks:
Merianzaal  Toine Pieters (Utrecht University)
Venues

**Venue Wednesday, October 4th**
Hortus Botanicus Amsterdam
Plantage Middenlaan 2a
1018 DD Amsterdam

**Venue Thursday, October 5th, and Friday, October 6th**
ARTIS Library
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