

**'Publics of public health' — on the changing politics  
of knowledge and life in Africa**

**Kilifi December 2009**

**Draft Programme — October 2009**

<b>MON 7<sup>TH</sup> DEC</b>	
<b>0815</b>	<b>REGISTRATION</b>
<b>0830</b>	Welcome by KEMRI
<b>0900</b>	Introduction to the conference by organisers: <i>Public health and the health of its 'public'</i> .
<b>1000</b>	OPENING LECTURE Bethwell Ogot: <i>The "Publics" of Public Health: Reflections on the Diverse and Changing Notions of the Public, in Relation to the Production of Medical Knowledge and Health in Contemporary Africa.</i>
<b>1100</b>	Tea
	<b>SESSION 1: HISTORY, THE CHANGING PUBLICS OF PUBLIC HEALTH</b>
<b>1115</b>	KEY SPEAKER Clapperton Mawhunga: <i>Mobility—On What Defines "Public", "Health", and "System" (Or, Zimbabwe Before and After the Cholera)</i> KEY SPEAKER Kevin Marsh: <i>The changing face of child health in Africa</i> KEY SPEAKER Melissa Leach: <i>Where is 'the public', what does it know and what should it do? Shifting narratives in a shifting terrain of health science-politics</i>
<b>1315</b>	Lunch
<b>1400</b>	CHAIR: Milcah Amolo Achola      DISCUSSANT: Steven Feierman John Manton: <i>Hunger, health, and humanitarianism: nutritional crisis and emergency medical relief in Nigeria, 1968-70</i> Maureen Malowany: <i>'People used to say that I was living like Robinson Crusoe...I used to tell them I was doing scientific research': Researchers and their publics, East Africa, 1950s-1970s</i> Estelle Kouakam Magne: <i>The notion of public in a changing health system and its implication on the anthropologist work: the case of a research on medical missions in Cameroon</i>
<b>1530</b>	Tea
<b>1600</b>	Walter Bruchhausen: <i>Regulation or deregulation of health care? Legislation on 'traditional medicine' between state, society and individuals</i> Kenneth Ombongi: <i>title t.b.a.</i> Kristin Peterson: <i>Markets in the IMF Aftermath: Structural Adjustment, Pharmaceutical Reform, and New Publics in Nigeria</i>
<b>1730 – 1800</b>	<i>Comments Steven Feierman – END OF SESSION DISCUSSION</i>

<b>TUE 8<sup>th</sup> DEC</b>	<b>SESSION 2: GLOBAL SHIFTS, LOCAL TRANSFORMATIONS</b>
<b>0830</b>	KEY SPEAKER Susan Whyte: <i>[The changing Ugandan Health System 1970s-now] t.b.a.</i> KEY SPEAKER Murray Last: <i>The peculiarly political problem behind Nigeria's primary health care provision</i>
<b>1000</b>	Tea
<b>1030</b>	CHAIR: Murray Last      DISCUSSANT: Susan Whyte Ruth Prince: <i>Public health vs. Culture: reconfigurations of a modernist trope in Kenyan public debate</i> Julie Livingstone: <i>Shifting Epidemiology and Lagging Publics: Which Afflictions Matter in African Public Health?</i> Babatunde Omotosho: <i>Corruption and Public Exclusion: A Serious Challenge to Effective Public Policy on Health</i>
<b>1200</b>	Lunch
<b>1300</b>	KEY SPEAKER Milcah Amolo Achola: <i>Public Health and Villagers: The Case of Masana Sub-location into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century</i> KEY SPEAKER Steven Feierman: <i>Chaola, History, and Health Care Today</i>
<b>1430</b>	Tea
	<b>SESSION 3: HIV PUBLICS</b>
<b>1500</b>	CHAIR: Michael Parker      DISCUSSANT: Ndhlandla Mkizhe Lotte Meinert: <i>Therapeutic Clientship and 'Projectification' of ART in Uganda</i> Rebecca Cassidy: <i>HIV Treatments in the Gambia</i> Martha Chinuya: <i>HIV prevention in England: The politics of black African 'publics' in Public Health</i> Elizabeth Mills: <i>'I sit on the side of the virus': HIV and the dialectics of space, sociality and differentiated publics in South Africa</i>
<b>1700 – 1730</b>	<i>Comments</i> Ndhlandla Mkizhe – <b>END OF SESSION DISCUSSION</b>
	Visit to Kilifi District Hospital and KEMRI research unit

<b>WED 9<sup>TH</sup> DEC</b>	<b>SESSION 4: HEALTH RESEARCH AND PUBLIC HEALTH</b>
<b>0830</b>	KEY SPEAKER Ndhlamla Mkhize: <i>Community conceptions of research collaboration and partnership</i> KEY SPEAKER Michael Parker: <i>'Who and where are the 'publics' in collaborative global health research?'</i>
<b>1000</b>	<i>Tea</i>
<b>1030</b>	CHAIR: Nancy Rose Hunt      DISCUSSANT: Bethwell Ogot Gemma Jones: <i>The "group" as a public in HIV intervention and research in Western Kenya: experiences of HIV+ mothers and staff involved in HIV research.</i> Chidi Nweneka: <i>Confidentiality and the reality of practice on the field with respect to clinical trials in Africa</i> Alice Street: <i>Research in the Clinic: Scientific Emplacement and Medical Failure</i> Ann Kelly: <i>Remodeling the public: Domestic Experiments and MRC Hospitality</i>
	<i>Comments Bethwell Ogot</i>
<b>1230</b>	<i>Lunch</i>
	<b>SESSION 5: COLLABORATION AND PARTNERSHIP</b>
<b>1330</b>	KEY SPEAKER Steven Robins: <i>Global publics and the social life of "cutting edge" public health programmes</i> KEY SPEAKER John Vulule: <i>[research collaborations] title t.b.a</i>
<b>1500</b>	<i>Tea</i>
<b>1530</b>	DISCUSSANT: Steven Robins      CHAIR: Sam Kinyanjui Rene Gerrets: <i>The Publics of Partnership in Tanzanian Malaria Control: A bottom-up look.</i> Guillaume Lachenal: <i>Playing the public health game in Cameroon: Simulation, performance and nihilism in the neo-liberal biogovernment of Africa.</i> Wenzel Geissler: <i>Public secrets in public health: how to know what not to know while making knowledge</i> Javier Lezaun: <i>The novel organizational forms of research on neglected diseases: innovations in public accountability?</i> Melissa Parker: <i>Controlling neglected tropical disease in Uganda and Tanzania: is it possible to move beyond the rhetoric of success</i>
<b>1730 – 1800</b>	<i>Comments Steven Robins -- END OF SESSION DISCUSSION</i>

THU 10 <sup>th</sup> DEC	SESSION 5: 'COMMUNITY' AND COMMUNITIES
0830	KEY SPEAKER: Nancy Rose Hunt: <i>Publics and Multitudes in a Colonial Medical "Emergency"</i> KEY SPEAKER: James Ferguson: <i>What Comes after the Social? Toward a New Anthropology of Distribution</i>
1000	<i>Tea</i>
1030	CHAIR: Kenneth Ombongi    DISCUSSANT: Clapperton Mawhunga Sassy Molyneux: <i>Empirical studies on community accountability in health delivery: insights and lessons for biomedical research</i> Rebecca Marsland: <i>'Tunazidii kufa!' Funerals and Public Debates about the Failure of Medicine</i> Philister A Madiega: <i>"She's my sister-law, my visitor, my friend:" experiences of home follow-up in HIV research and intervention in Western Kenya.</i>
1200	Lunch
1300	Jenipher Twebaze: <i>Medicines for Life: Clients and Providers in Ugandan ART Programmes</i> Shelley Lees: <i>'I am participating in the study to find out if the gel will benefit, not just me alone, but the whole of Tanzania': Tanzanian women as participants in a clinical trial and the implications for citizenship</i> Tracey Chantler: <i>'Negotiating Difference in Health Facilities Hosting Malaria Research'</i> Hayley MacGregor & Jerker Edstrom: <i>Aid for Aids in Sub-Saharan Africa: How do Community Groups Conceptualise and negotiate their place in the funding architecture</i>
1530	<i>Comments Clapperton Mawhunga -- END OF SESSION DISCUSSION</i>
1600	<i>Tea</i>
	<b>STUDENT PRESENTATIONS AND POSTER EXIBITION</b>
1630 – 1730	CHAIR: Sassy Molyneux Prosper Chaki: <i>CORPs: Who is Responsible for successful Malaria Control?</i> Gemma Jones: <i>Research and Everyday life: an ethnographic exploration of a "research village."</i> Ferdinand Okwaro: <i>tbc</i> Lauren Hutchinson: <i>'Morality, Technology and Epistemology: The Ethos of Medical Research in Kenya 1978-Present'</i> Dorcus Kamuya: <i>Community engagement in biomedical research; experiences from a collaborative research centre at the Coast of Kenya</i>
1800	EVENING PARTY & BARBEQUE

FRI 11 <sup>th</sup> DEC	SESSION 6: KNOWLEDGE AND CAPACITY
0830	KEY SPEAKER: Sam Kinyanjui: <i>Capacity strengthening for research: experiences from the KEMRI-Wellcome Programme in Kenya</i> KEY SPEAKER: Lucy Gilson: <i>Health systems, trust and their public value</i>
1000	Tea
1030	CHAIR: Michael Whyte    DISCUSSANT: James Ferguson Sally Theobald: <i>The politics, processes, challenges and opportunities in the research to policy and practice interface in Sexual and Reproductive Health, HIV and AIDS research in Sub-Saharan Africa.</i> Tchaka Ndhlovu: <i>New structures for capacity building in health research in Malawi: A critical reflective analysis</i> Musonda Simwinga: <i>Engaging the public in clinical trials: Perspectives from Community Advisory Boards in Zambia.</i> Uli Beisel: <i>Who bites back first? Science, Publics &amp; Ecology in Malaria Control Experiments</i>
1230	Lunch
1330	Morenike Ukpong: <i>Clinical trials as an industry and an employer of labour</i> Patricia Kingori: <i>Health researchers and the hybridization of public health in Kenya</i> Erick Nyambedha: <i>Trust in health care provider-community relations and its implications for access to tuberculosis services in Nyanza province, Kenya</i> Faith Otewa: <i>Intertwining transnational research and public health around vaccine research in western Kenya: 'You people are loved!'</i>
1430	Tea
1500 – 1700	<i>Comments James Ferguson</i> <b>FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSION ABOUT OVERARCHING THEMES AND EMERGENT ISSUES</b>