Wednesday, October 4th, 2017  
Venue: Indische kas, Hortus Botanicus Amsterdam

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

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

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

20:00-21:00  Keynote lecture:  
             Matthew Crawford (Kent State University)  
             Disturbing drugs: re-thinking the historiography of the early modern world through materia medica

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

09:15-09:30 Coffee & tea

09:30-09:45 Warming up:
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:

Room 1:
1a: Old sources, new perspectives
Chair: Valentina Pugliano (University of Cambridge)

Akif Yerlioğlu (Harvard University)
* Corpse medicine in the early modern Ottoman Empire
Katarina Lehto (University of Tampere)
* Evacuant and stimulating medicines helping the menstrual flow: Peter Elfving defending his thesis 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

Room 2:
1b: Books as barometer
Chair: TBA

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)
* Understanding Pierre Pomet: exotic drugs between print and material culture
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:
Patrick Wallis (The London School of Economics and Political Science)
* Medical markets and mobile medicines

11:45-12:00 Coffee break
12:00-13:15 Parallel sessions:

Room 1:
2a: Virtues of plants, virtues of men
   Chair: TBA

   Jane Corrie
   *Physicians playing the market in Enlightenment Edinburgh*

   Kim Walker (Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew)
   *A tale of two cities: assembling cinchona bark collections in Leiden and London*

   Raymond van der Ham (Naturalis Biodiversity Center)
   *Dutch materia medica collections: from cradle to grave to revival*

Room 2:
2b: 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*

13:15-14:15 Lunch

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

15:00-15:15 Short break
15:15-15:30  **Fac lege artis: plenary introduction**  
with Nils-Otto Ahnfelt & Hjalmar Fors (Uppsala Universitet)

15:30-16:15  **Interactive session**

**Room 1:**
3a  **Fac lege artis: re-enacting pharmaceutical practices of the past**  
with Nils-Otto Ahnfelt & Hjalmar Fors (Uppsala Universitet)

**Room 2:**
3b  **Mini-exhibition of plant illustrations in prints and drawings**  
with Mieke Beumer (ARTIS Library) & Dirk Imhof (Museum Plantin-Moretus)

(groups switch after 20 minutes)

16:15-16:30  **Fac lege artis: plenary discussion**  
with Nils-Otto Ahnfelt & Hjalmar Fors (Uppsala Universitet)

16:30-17:30  **Drinks**

17:30-20:30  **Conference diner**
Friday, October 6th, 2017
Venue: ARTIS Library

09:15-09:30 Coffee & tea

09:30-09:45 Warming up:
   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:
   Pratik Chakrabarti (University of Manchester)
   *Materia medica and imperialism: the blood in the Jamaican blood flower*

10:30-10:45 Coffee & tea

10:45-12:00 Plenary session:

   Room 1:
   4a: Drug trajectories
      Chair: Toine Pieters (Utrecht University)
      Susann Holmberg (University of Oslo)
      *Guaiacum: locating a cure for syphilis*
      Katrina Maydom (University of Cambridge)
      *Expanding the English pharmacopoeia: American drugs and poisons in the seventeenth century*
      TBA

12:00-12:15 Book reading by Tom Hillenbrand, author of *Der Kaffeedieb (The coffee thief)*

12:15-12:45 Interview with the author
   Moderator: TBA

12:45-13:00 Closing remarks:
   Toine Pieters (Utrecht University)
Registration


Venues

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

**Venue Thursday, October 5th, and Friday, October 6th**
ARTIS Library  
Plantage Middenlaan 45-45A  
1018 DC Amsterdam

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