GENDERED DRUGS STANDARDS

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Recent historiography of science and anthropology of medicine and health have shown a growing interest in analyzing drugs and their social impact when considering categories like gender, race/ethnicity, class and other social hierarchies. This workshop aims at bringing together scholars interested in applying gender as a category of analysis to the history of drugs and drug standards and in relation to contemporary problems of circulation and use of drugs.

The leading issues themes of the workshop are:

- What is the impact of gender, race/ethnicity, and class in the processes of designing drugs, during the clinical trials and in the marketing campaigns of the pharmaceutical companies? How can intersectional perspective be applied to study these processes?
- How do pharmaceutical technologies produce gender (and race/ethnicity and class)
 specific outcome in lifestyles and social practices? How do they alter the historical
 and contemporary experience of reproduction (or avoiding it), sexual desire,
 childbirth, menopause, depression etc.?
- What is the role of drugs in the relationship between doctors/prescribers and patients/users mediated by gender and other social hierarchies, and in the process of medicalisation?
- How do specific drug therapies (antibiotics, psychopharmaceuticals, contraceptives, hormonal replacement therapy) shape social perception and experience of specific women's diseases?
- How do the prescribing, selling, marketing, and forbidding of drugs shape health policies and clinical practice?
- 6 What is the impact of gender- and other hierarchies in pharmaceutical teaching and research?

The organising committee welcomes paper proposals (in the form of a 300 word abstract with paper title, presenter'(s') name(s), affiliation and email) until the deadline of 30 June 2011.

Please forward proposals to: gendereddrugs@ugr.es

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