Magic and Medicine:  
Conceptions of Causality in Processes of Healing

Workshop of the Research Group
"The Cultural Constitution of Causal Cognition"

In “Long Table”
12th – 13th December 2011

Updated Programme

11th December 2011
19:00 Informal drinks at Bielefelder Hof (conference hotel),
with optional visit of the Christmas Market (15min walk, downtown)

12th December 2011

9:30 Introduction
York Hagmayer, Hans Markowitsch and Thomas Widlok
(workshop convenors)

10:15 Magic in Medicine? Causal Beliefs in Healing Rituals
Bernd-Christian Otto (Erfurt University)

11:15 Coffee break

11:45 Evidence from the Supernatural: Evaluating Ritual Efficacy
Cristine Legare (University of Texas, Austin)

12:45 Lunch

14:15 Causes and Probabilities for Health
Federica Russo (Kent University and Free University Brussels)

15:15 Shamanism (Meditation, Yoga, Non-Dual Mindfulness):
A Magical or a Deep Ecological Healing Consciousness?
Renaud van Quekelberghe (Koblenz University, Landau)

16:15 Coffee break

16:45 How Different Indian Medical Practitioners explain Rising Rates of Depression
Stefan Ecks (Edinburgh University)

18:00 Dinner at ZiF
13th December 2011

9:30  Clinical Causal Reasoning in Mental Health Care
     Cilia Witteman (Nijmegen University)

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 Tracing Topoi: Causality in Witch Construction, Divination and Sukuma Magic
      Koen Stroeken (Gent University)

12:00 Lunch

13:30 Magical Moments and Pathological Aspects of Body Modification
      Aglaja Stirn and Johanna Möller (Westklinikum Hamburg)

14:30 Conclusions and Way Forward
      York Hagmayer and Thomas Widlok

15:30 Coffee

Visits of the Christmas Market downtown

18:00 Dinner at „Glück und Seligkeit”
      (Artur-Ladebeck-Straße 57, Bielefeld, # 0521-5576500)