



Political Origins of Health Inequities: Technologies in the Digital Age



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Day one – 1 November

09:00 Welcome

Mary Watson, Executive Dean, The New School

Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director General, World Health Organization (video message)

Katerini Storeng, University of Oslo

09:15 Keynote

Chair: **Sakiko Fukuda-Parr**, The New School

Philip Alston, UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and Extreme Poverty; NYU School of Law

10:00 Session 1

Round table on key themes of the conference

Chair: **Sakiko Fukuda-Parr**, The New School

Kelley Lee, Simon Fraser University

Health or HAL: Who controls the power button for new health technologies?

Manjari Mahajan, The New School

Politics of knowledge production in the digital age

Mickey Chopra, The World Bank

Risk and reward: Weighing up the potential of digital health for the poorest in low and middle income countries

Discussant: **Antoine de Bengy Puyvallée**, University of Oslo

11:15 Coffee break

11:30 Session 2

Artificial Intelligence as a social practice:
Ideology, ethics and human rights

Chair: **Desmond McNeill**, University of Oslo

Xi Lin, Fudan University

Re/producing inequality in healthcare: How does AI create and consolidate health inequity?

Elizabeth Gibbons, Harvard FXB Center for Health and Human Rights
AI and human rights: An introduction to IEEE's ethically aligned design



Kadija Ferryman, NYU Tandon School of Engineering
Ethics and policy in precision medicine

Discussant: **Peter Asaro**, The New School

13:00 Lunch break

14:00 **Session 3**

Digital technology and technology for the poor: infrastructure, access, inequality

Chair: **Anne-Emanuelle Birn**, University of Toronto

Marine Al Dahdah, CNRS - CEMS, Paris

From Ghana to Bihar: Saving the Global South's mothers with a digital empire

Rajiv K. Mishra, Jawaharlal Nehru University

The appropriated body: Biometrics regime, the digital state and healthcare in contemporary India

Nora Kenworthy, University of Washington Bothell

When platforms for the poor are not pro-poor platforms: Crowdfunding and technological determinants of health

Discussant: **Jashodhara Dasgupta**, National Foundation for India

15:30 Coffee break

16:00 **Session 4**

Data & knowledge: ownership, gathering, treatment and use of data, market expansion and commercialization

Chair: **Katerini Storeng**, University of Oslo

Susan Erikson, Simon Fraser University

Righteous Use? Why big data scientists demanded private cell phone data during the West African ebola pandemic

Mary F.E. Ebeling, Drexel University

Tapping the lakes, mining the oceans: Private accumulation through public dispossession

Sridhar Venkatapuram, King's College London

The fairness of changing human destinies using data

Discussant: **Sonja Kittelsen**, University of Oslo

17:30 End of conference day one



Day two – 2 November

09:00 Session 5

Financing new technologies – actors, geographies, financialization of global health

Chair: **Jomo Kwame Sundaram**, Khazanah Research Institute

Megan Zweig, Rock Health
A market update on digital health

Susan K. Sell, Australian National University
The financialization of health and the financing of new technologies

Discussant: **Ayanda Ntsaluba**, Discovery Holdings



10:30 Coffee break

10:45 Session 6

Governance: public goods and private ownership, regulation and incentives, international cooperation and solidarity

Chair: **Sakiko Fukuda-Parr**, The New School

Peter Asaro, The New School
Governing AI : Critical assessment of current initiatives and gaps

Elizabeth Kaziunas, AI Now, New York University
Governing AI and health equity: Initiatives and challenges

Padmashree Gehl Sampath, Harvard University
AI and big data issues in low-income countries

Christiaan van Veen, NYU School of Law
The law and human rights void in global and domestic debates

Discussant: **Jomo Kwame Sundaram**, Khazanah Research Institute



12:15 Closing remarks

Mandeep Dhaliwal, Director of the Health Group, UNDP Bureau for Policy and Programme Support

13:00 End of the conference