



Engaging Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) in Africa:

Towards interdisciplinary approaches amongst the social sciences, humanities, and natural and medical sciences

8 November 2016, 9.30 – 17.00, Blåsenhus, Room 12:004, Uppsala University

Invited Speakers:

Otto Cars, Professor, Dept of Medical Sciences, Uppsala University and Founding Director, ReACT, Sweden

Clare Chandler, Associate Professor in Medical Anthropology, Dept of Global Health & Development, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, United Kingdom

Josef Järhult, Researcher, Dept Medical Sciences and Zoonosis Science Center, Uppsala University, Sweden

Britt Pinkowski Tersbøl, Associate Professor, Dept of Public Health, University of Copenhagen, Denmark

In September 2016 the Secretary General of the United Nations pronounced antimicrobial resistance to be “a fundamental, long-term threat to human health, sustainable food production and development” and called for a series of actions to mitigate and reverse its impact. Simultaneously, the meanings, scales and contours of the crisis of antimicrobial resistance appear differently from different disciplinary perspectives. In Africa in particular there is sparse scientific documentation of the extent of the problem of antimicrobial resistance, while the quality of health care services and the availability of (bio)medicines are highly variable.

This symposium and workshop is intended to elicit multiple disciplinary perspectives upon the facts and meanings of antimicrobial resistance in African contexts. It asks participants to engage in imagining and developing interdisciplinary approaches for producing new knowledge, insights and responses to what has been framed as a looming 21st century crisis. What opportunities are there for the social sciences and humanities to offer critical as well as practical contributions in a field that is thus far dominated by medical and natural sciences?

The morning session includes talks by invited speakers and is open to the public. The afternoon session is reserved for persons interested to start new networks and research collaborations, in particular researchers, faculty, PhD students and other professionals are welcome to attend.

Please **register** your participation using the following link: <https://goo.gl/forms/4luuG6ZzuvQ8dFgx1>

Schedule

Public session

9:30 – 12.00

Invited speakers and discussion

Research/networking sessions

13.30 – 14.30

Roundtable: Interdisciplinary approaches to AMR in Africa, what ways forward?

14.45 – 16.00

1:1 collaboration brainstorming/ research speed dating

16.00 – 17.00

Concluding discussion and refreshments

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