

Programme

Suicide, Society and Crisis

An International Symposium Funded by the Wellcome Trust

Convened by Dr Julie Gottlieb with the assistance of Stephanie Wright

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FRIDAY 18 MAY

8:45 am to 9:15 am	Registration
9:15 am to 9:30 am	Welcome and introduction
9:30 am to 10:30 am	<u>Session A: Suicide and crisis in the early modern period</u> Chair: Dr Maria Teresa Brancaccio Professor Phil Withington (University of Sheffield) Suicide, <i>Utopia</i> and Gilbert Burnet in 1684 Dr David Lederer (Maynooth University) Suicide during Subsistence Crises: Self-Killing in early modern European Popular Culture
10:30 am to 11.00 am	Break
11:00 am to 12.40 pm	<u>Session B: 'Suicide, crisis and the mental state of the nation'</u> Chair: Professor Adrian Bingham Dr Sarah Chaney (Queen Mary University of London) Cheating the Death Instinct: Psychoanalysis, Suicide and Conflict in the Early Twentieth Century Dr Julie Gottlieb (University of Sheffield) Crisis Times, Crisis Measures: Suicide and the Coming of War in Britain, 1938-39 Dr Moritz Föllmer (University of Amsterdam) Suicide and Crisis in Weimar Berlin
12:40 pm to 1:40 pm	Lunch

1:40 pm to 3:00 pm

Session D

D 1. 'The personal and the social: Competing interpretations of suicidality'

Chair: **Professor Judith Szapor**

Fiona Malpass (Mental health activist)

“To be at peace with a troubled world: this is not a reasonable aim.” – Diminishing the focus on individual pathology, amplifying consideration of social issues

Andrew Potter (Independent scholar)

Narrativity and the ‘Suicide Crisis’

Dr Gabriel Blouin-Genest (Virginia Tech)

From “Accidental” to “Intentional”: The global politics of counting opioids-related deaths as suicides

D 2. 'Suicide and the crisis of youth'

Chair: **Professor Phil Withington**

Dr Jo Bell and Dr Annette Schlosser (Hull University)

Suicide, Crisis and Society: Contemporary Narratives on Young People’s Mental Health and well-being in a Changing Society

Margot Déage (Sorbonne Universités)

“The victims of cyberbullying might commit suicide”
Prevention plan and moral panic in French middle-school

Dr Meta Remec (Institute of Contemporary History, Ljubljana)

Suicide in Slovenia in the 20th century

3:00 pm to 3.25 pm

Break

3:25 pm to 3:55 pm

Session E: 'Future Directions and Funding'

with Rebecca Roberts (Head of Faculty Research Support, Arts & Humanities, University of Sheffield)

3:55pm to 5:15 pm

Session F

F 1. 'Suicide as a response to anti-Semitic persecution'

Chair: **Dr Alexander von Lunen**

Professor Michael Berkowitz (University College London)

The strange case of Stefan Lux (1888-1936): A suicide to protest antisemitic persecution before the Second World War

Dr Rita Horvath (Wiener Wiesenthal Institut Für Holocaust-Studien, Vienna)

Suicides in the Ghettos during the Holocaust in Hungary

Dr Judith Szapor (McGill University)

An epidemic of suicide? The numerus clausus law, antisemitism, and student suicide in Hungary in 1920

F 2. 'Racial discrimination, oppression and suicide'

Chair: **Professor Mathew Thomson**

Dr Richard Bell (University of Maryland)

Black Suicide, Militant Abolitionism, and the Crisis of 1850

Dr Kevin Yuill (University of Sunderland)

Race Suicide in the United States, 1900-1914

Annie Hayford-Joyner (Canterbury Christ Church University)

The Crisis of White Supremacy and its Impact on Black Lives – surveillance, control and suicidality

5:15 pm to 6:05 pm

Keynote lecture

Chair: **Dr Julie Gottlieb**

Professor Mathew Thomson (University of Warwick)

The Seduction of Numbers: Reflections on the History of Suicide, Society and Crisis

7:30 pm

Conference dinner and drinks at INOX dine

SATURDAY 19 MAY

8:45 am to 9:15 am

Registration

9:15 am to 10:15 am

Session G: 'Suicide and communities in crisis'

Chair: **Dr Åsa Jansson**

Professor Janet Miron (Trent University)

Settler Constructions of Indigenous Suicide and the On-Going Crisis of Canadian Colonialism

Professor David Mosse (SOAS)

Public reason out of private perplexity: a comparative view of suicide as societal crisis and individual experience in south India and the UK

10:15 am to 11:15 am

Session H: Desperate times and measures of desperation

Chair: **Dr Chris Millard**

Dr Ian Marsh (Canterbury Christ Church University)

Suicide, Society and the Deployment of 'Crisis'

Dr China Mills (University of Sheffield)

'Dead people don't claim': the psychopolitics of UK welfare reform suicides

11:15 am to 11.30 am

Break

11:30 am to 12:30 pm

Roundtable: Suicide, Society and Crisis: Implications and Applications for Policy & Practice

Professor Ian Sabroe (Medical Humanities Sheffield)

Vin Lewin (NHS Mental Health Trust, Sheffield)

Dr Laura King (History & Policy)

Dr John McGowan (Salomons Centre for Applied Psychology, Canterbury Christ Church University)

Dr Amy Chandler (University of Edinburgh)

Dr Julie Gottlieb (University of Sheffield)

12:30 pm to 1:30 pm

Lunch at Appetito's, Glossop Road

1:30 pm to 2:30 pm

Session I: Statement, Symbolism and Suicide

Chair: **Professor Janet Miron**

Dr Chris Millard (University of Sheffield)

What's in a number, what's in a name? The politics of statistics in decriminalising suicide in England and Wales

Professor Sarah Waters (University of Leeds)

Suicide, crisis and cognitive labour in 21st century France

2:30 pm to 2:45 pm

Break

2:45 pm to 4:00 pm

Session J

J 1. 'Political suicides and politicizing suicide'

Chair: **Professor Sarah Waters**

Dr Jon Coburn (Newcastle University)

Self-Immolation during the Vietnam War: Gender, Performance, and the Difficult Memory of "Political Self-Sacrifice"

Angeliki Drongiti (Université Paris VIII—Saint-Denis-Vincennes)

An autopsy of the crisis? Suicide in contemporary Greece

Dr Alexander von Lunen (University of Huddersfield)

Project Reichenberg: Anomic or altruistic suicide?

J 2. 'Religion, spirituality and suicide'

Chair: **Dr David Lederer**

Lucy Jones (University of Sheffield)

Religious interpretations of mental instability in early modern England

Dr Åsa Jansson (Durham University)

'Suicidal' Melancholia and the Crisis of Modernity

Lyndsay Galpin (Royal Holloway)

'Disordered his mind by over-speculation': Swindlers, Speculators, and Suicide

4:00 pm to 5:20 pm

Session K

K 1. 'Suicide, gender and cultural identity'

Chair: **Professor David Mosse**

Professor Jacques Le Bohec (Université Lumière Lyon 2)

Jihadist Attacks in France as Disguised Suicides

Dr Amy Chandler and Dr Ana Jordan (University of Edinburgh and University of Lincoln)

Crisis, what crisis? A feminist analysis of discourse on masculinities and suicide

Angie Mejia (Syracuse University)

Ixtab's path: Suicide, emotions, and mourning in the lives of U.S. women of Mexican descent

5:20 pm to 5:40 pm

Concluding remarks

Dr Julie Gottlieb

