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10:15AM - 7:00PM (JST)
(CEST: 3:15am - 12:00pm)

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PROGRAMME

10:15 am - 10:30 am **Welcome Address** (Swiss Pavilion)
Introduction (Mariama Kaba, Brenda Bogaert)

10:30 am - 12:00 pm **Panel Session 1/3** (Chair: Mariama Kaba)

Prof. Dr Pierre-Yves Donzé, Business History, University of Osaka (JP) & Modern History, University of Fribourg (CH): *“Healthcare Business Infrastructure in Japan and in Switzerland (1900-2025)”*

Prof. Dr Akihito Suzuki, Medical History, Graduate School of Humanities and Sociology, University of Tokyo (JP): *“Outbreaks of Plague in Osaka in 1905-1910: Economy, Equity and Environment”*

Dr Brenda Bogaert, Medical Ethics, Institute of Humanities in Medicine, Lausanne University Hospital CHUV & University of Lausanne (CH): *“Swiss Medical Ethics and Philosophy of Care in Times of Pandemics”*

12:00 pm – 1:15 pm *Break*

1:15 pm – 2:45 pm **Panel Session 2/3** (Chair: Brenda Bogaert)

PhD student Chuangwei Zheng, Medical History, Graduate School of Humanities and Sociology, University of Tokyo (JP): *“Farmers, Flood, and Epidemics: A Retrospect of Tsutsugamushi Disease in Early Meiji Japan (late 19th century)”*

Dr Mariama Kaba, Medical History, Institute of Humanities in Medicine, Lausanne University Hospital CHUV & University of Lausanne (CH): *“The Influenza Pandemics in the 20th-21st Centuries in a Swiss-Japanese Comparison”*

Prof. Dr med. Murielle Bochud, Public Health Medicine, Epidemiology and Health Systems Department, Unisanté & University of Lausanne (CH): *“Swiss Public Health Perspectives during Pandemics”*

2:45 pm – 3:00 pm *Break*

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm **Panel Session 3/3** (Chair: Mariama Kaba, Brenda Bogaert)

Dr med. Ludovico Cobuccio, Clinical Infectious Diseases and Field Epidemiology, Lausanne University Hospital CHUV (CH): *“Informing the Public, Guiding the System: The CoronaCheck.ch Experience”*

Prof. Dr med. Hitoshi Oshitani, Department of Global Health and Infectious Diseases, Tohoku University Graduate School of Medicine (JP): *“The TUPReP Project: A Multi disciplinary Research Project on Japan’s Response to COVID-19”*

4:00 pm – 4:30 pm *Break*

4:30 pm – 7:00 pm **Roundtable Discussion** (Moderation: Mariama Kaba, Brenda Bogaert)

“Swiss-Japanese Experiences of Epidemics and Pandemics: An Interdisciplinary Perspective from Public Health Medicine, Epidemiology, History, Ethics, Anthropology”

With Prof. Dr med. Murielle Bochud; Dr Brenda Bogaert; Dr med. Ludovico Cobuccio; Prof. Dr Pierre-Yves Donzé; Dr Mariama Kaba; Prof. Dr med. Hitoshi Oshitani; Prof. Dr Akihito Suzuki; PhD Student Chuangwei Zheng; and online participation of Prof. Dr Nolwenn Bühler, Medical Anthropology, University of Lausanne (CH): *“Insights from the Anthropology of Pandemics”*

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