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Medicine and time are inextricably related to each other  
in manifold ways. The first Hippocratic Aphorism points  
exactly to this relatedness: "Life is short, the art far, the  
favorable moment fleeting, the attempt deceptive, the  
decision difficult." It confirms the time gap between lifetime  
(short) and time of the medical art (long). It addresses  
medical decision-making by acknowledging that the  
time for successful medical intervention can quickly pass  
(fleeting). Moreover, the aphorism testifies that in medicine  
this constellation has a long tradition of being grappled with.

Given the current exponential growth in medical knowledge  
and acceleration in many areas of modern societies, these  
temporal relationships are not likely to have lost their  
relevance. On the contrary, the time gap is likely to continue  
to widen – and thus the challenges time poses to medicine  
increase. Current medicine is undoubtedly part of a rapid  
process of acceleration, actively and passively: medicine  
participates in it and contributes significantly to this. After all,  
medicine belongs to one of the main factors of acceleration,  
to the sciences. However, in opposition to the general trend,  
many elements in medicine are resistant to acceleration and  
hardly change if at all. For instance, one ought to consider  
the basic medical situation of the patient's need and the  
help of the doctor, certain ethical principles, the character  
desired of a physician, the structure of decision-making, or  
certain basic rules of medical strategy. The same applies to  
certain diseases or pregnancy: Any attempts to accelerate  
pregnancies have proven to be unsuccessful. In this respect,  
it must be assumed that the temporal relationships within  
medicine have changed and that rapid developments are  
juxtaposed with stable, acceleration-resistant elements. The  
conference "Medicine and Time" aims to address questions  
arising from this collision of temporalities in contemporary  
medicine.

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# Medicine and Time

International Conference  
7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022

## Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022

9.00 am – 9.15 am

Welcome address by the academic manager of the Alfried Krupp Wissenschaftskolleg and the scientific chairs of the conference

9.15 am – 10.15 am

**Medicine, Time and Technology: Negotiating Temporalities**

Mathilde Lancelot (Nantes)

10.15 am – 10.45 am

*Coffee Break*

10.45 am – 11.45 am

**Prognosis: How time and technology has changed temporal uncertainty**

Bjørn Hofmann (Gjøvik)

11.45 am – 12.45 pm

**Out of time: Temporality, form and fugitive care in contemporary texts'**

Kelechi Anucha (Exeter)

12.45 pm – 2.15 pm

*Lunch Break*

2.15 pm – 3.15 pm

**Enhancement and the flourishing life. On how medical technologies influence our relationship to time and why they cannot solve our basic problems with time**

Claudia Bozzaro (Kiel)

3.15 pm – 3.45 pm

*Coffee Break*

3.45 pm – 4.45 pm

**"The temporal logic of reproductive ageing:"  
An ethical analysis of the debate on 'social freezing' from the perspective of the good life**

Katharina Beier und Claudia Wiesemann (Göttingen)

4.45 pm – 5.45 pm

**Medicine, Ageing, and the Temporal Structure of the Good Life**

Mark Schweda (Oldenburg)

6.15 pm

**Public Key Note Lecture**

**The Art of Healing and the Time of Life**

Héctor Wittwer (Magdeburg)

*Moderation: Urban Wiesing (Tübingen)*

*afterwards: evening reception*

## Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022

9.00 am – 10.00 am

**Time and Method: Adaptive Clinical Trials and Perils of Acceleration**

Daria Jadreškić (Klagenfurt)

10.00 am – 10.30 am

*Coffee Break*

10.30 am – 11.30 am

**Lived Time in Cancer: Phenomenology, Psychopathology, Care**

Marcin Moskalewicz (Poznań)

11.30 am – 12.30 pm

**Rewriting Medical Time? Time and Long Covid in the Digital Diary**

Katja Herges (Tübingen)

12.30 pm – 2.00 pm

*Lunch Break*

2.00 pm – 3.00 pm

**Chronos, Kairos, and Chattered Time: Lived Experience of Hospitalization and Rehabilitation after Covid-19**

Sofia Morberg Jämterud, Anna Bredström and Kristin Zeiler (Linköping)

3.00 pm – 3.30 pm

*Coffee Break*

3.30 pm – 4.30 pm

**Soviet medicine: ahead of illness, ahead of time**

Anastasia Beliaeva (Moscow)

4.30 pm – 5.30 pm

**Lifetime and world time in an accelerated medicine – on biographical relief of scientists**

Urban Wiesing (Tübingen)

7.00 pm

*conference dinner*