

BLOOD FLOWS IN INTERDISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVE

WEDNESDAY 20TH MAY 2026

Join us for a one-day interdisciplinary workshop exploring how life-saving blood-related products, as well as life-threatening blood-related parasites, illnesses and iatrogenic blood contaminations, have moved in different historical and geographical contexts. The event will bring together historians, anthropologists, medical practitioners and others to discuss how historical experiences can inform blood futures.

You are welcome to attend for all or part of the day.

10:00-11:30: New approaches to the history of blood transfusion, blood donation and blood-transmitted diseases

With Alice Robinson, Janelle Winters, Lu Chen, Bertrand Taithe and Faith Cheonga. Ellen Wilkinson Building [C1.53](#).

11:30-13:00: Networking lunch @ Christie's Bistro

13:00-15:00: A transfusional turn? The French Army and Battlefield Blood Transfusion from the 1940s to 1960s. Roundtable around the work of Benoît Pouget, with Siobhan Hearne and Laure Humbert. Ellen Wilkinson Building [C1.53](#).

15:30-17:30: How can blood histories inform blood futures?

Roundtable with Stephanie Sodero, Jieun Kim, Meng Zhang and Robert Wynn. Ellen Wilkinson Building [A2.6](#).

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