



Hematopolitics

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Welcome to Hematopolitics!

Welcome to the first newsletter of the Hematopolitics Research Network! Hematopolitics is an AHRC- (previously Wellcome) funded project at the University of Leeds focusing on blood symbolism, social relationships, and boundary-making in blood banking.

New Website!

The Hematopolitics project has undergone a significant 'revamp' since the 2022 symposium. We are delighted to share our updated website, which features our new logo, exciting news on our upcoming exhibition, and information about the project. Visit the website here: <https://hematopolitics.org/>

Meet the Team

As part of our revamp, the Hematopolitics team has undergone an upgrade! Dr Jieun Kim, the project's PI, has been joined by Dr Claire Turner as the project's Digital Engagement Fellow, and Sarah Chadwick, a PhD student who is working with the co-production team at Thackray Museum of Medicine. Find out more about the team below:



Dr Jieun Kim: Project Lead

Dr Jieun Kim is a socio-cultural anthropologist. Her research in Japan and South Korea focuses on how people navigate social boundaries, with a special interest in the multiple meanings of blood and blood donation. She is excited to listen to people's stories and explore creative and engaging ways to share them with wider publics.



Dr Claire Turner: Digital Engagement Fellow

Dr Claire Turner is a Postdoctoral Fellow with the Society for Renaissance Studies. She is currently researching the sensory history of cancer in early modern England. Claire is interested in how we convey the senses through digital media, a question she hopes to answer as Digital Engagement Fellow.



Sarah Chadwick: PhD Student and Co-Production Lead

Sarah Chadwick is a third-year CDA PhD student in the School of Languages, Cultures, and Societies. Her research investigates the racial dynamics of blood donation since 1946. Sarah works in partnership with Thackray Museum of Medicine, and will design and lead co-production sessions in line with Thackray's upcoming exhibition on blood.

Our Upcoming Events

In February 2025, we will be opening an exciting new temporary exhibition with Thackray Museum of Medicine in Leeds (West Yorkshire, UK)! Open until June 2025, the exhibition offers members of the public the opportunity to engage with various aspects of the research project. These include the politics of blood donation and transfusion, what your blood means to you and your body, and what the future of blood donation might look like. The upcoming exhibition will focus on the past, present, and future of blood donation. We are thrilled to be working in collaboration with a variety of communities in the UK, Japan, and Korea, who have designed a vast array of unique objects to be displayed at the museum. The project will also feature objects from within the museum's collections, some of which date back to the nineteenth century and tell the early story of transfusions (in all their gory detail!).

Towards the end of the special exhibition, Hematopolitics will host an international symposium entitled 'Blood and Othering in Medicine across Time and Space' at Thackray Museum of Medicine. The symposium will include a talk by keynote speaker Dr Jenny Bangham (University of Edinburgh), whose innovative research will stimulate cross-disciplinary discussions on hematopolitics more broadly.

Recent Events

In July, Hematopolitics' PI Jini Kim and local Leeds-based artist and founder of the Blood Bag Project Leigh Bowser travelled to Seoul and Kyoto to host two Blood Bag Craft Workshops. The workshops were a huge success! You can find out much more about the workshops, including Leigh's reflections, via our [latest blog post](#).



Get in Touch!

Do you have an upcoming event, publication, or CFP you'd like to share with our network? We are always looking for new resources, connections, and experiences! Get in touch with us via our email: hematopolitics@leeds.ac.uk

You can also keep up with all the latest news about the project via our social media! Follow our X account [@Hematopolitics](#) for opportunities to network, news on events, and updates on our upcoming exhibition.

Members' News

Ahead of our first newsletter, we reached out to our 2022 symposium participants to invite them to share their recent publications and outputs. We've listed them below for you all to explore. **Congratulations to everyone!**

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