



**Hotspots of Concern:
Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Biodiversity and Health**

22 to 23 October 2025

Workshop Organizers: Gregg Mitman & Emmanuelle Roth

Sponsors: European Research Council, Institut Français München, LMU's Center for Advanced Studies, Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society (RCC), Munich Science Communication Lab (MSCL)

Wednesday, 22 October

5:30 pm Welcoming Remarks
Screening of La Fabrique des Pandémies (2022, 107 min)
Panel Discussion: Serge Morand (CNRS): Natalie Weber (Bat Conservation International)

8:00 pm Reception
Hosted by Institut Français München and Munich Science Communication Lab

Thursday, 23 October, Public Workshop

9:00 Welcome/Introduction:
Lena Bouman (CAS)
Gregg Mitman (RCC)

9:15 Hotspots of Concern: Perspective from the Social Sciences and Humanities
Keynote Lecture: Christos Lynteris (University of St Andrews), Gregg Mitman (RCC) and Emmanuelle Roth (RCC)
Chair/Moderator: Christof Mauch (RCC)
Panel Discussion: Jennifer Derr (UC Santa Cruz), Raina Plowright (Cornell University), Serge Morand (CNRS)

10:45 Coffee Break

11:15 Hotspots of Concern: Perspectives from Biodiversity Science
Keynote Lecture: Paula Ungar (Tropenbos Colombia)
Chair/Moderator: Eveline Dürri (RCC)
Panel Discussion: Sagan Friant (Penn State), Lyle Fearnley (Singapore University of Technology and Design), Benedictus Freeman (University of Liberia)

- 12:45 Lunch Break
- 1:45 Hotspots of Concern: Perspectives from Disease Ecology
Keynote Lecture: Tony Goldberg (University of Wisconsin-Madison)
Chair/Moderator: Bernhard Goodwin (MSCL)
Panel Discussion: Ann Kelly (University of Oxford), Natalie Weber (Bat Conservation International), John Soleemulo Fayiah (RCC)
- 3:15 Coffee Break
- 3:45 Closing Reflections
Panelists: Moussa Douno (RCC), Shadrach Kerwillain (RCC), Pooja Nayak (RCC), Christof Mauch (RCC)