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DISGUST ACROSS BORDERS:

MULTIDISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVES ON A CORE EMOTION

4 & 5 DEC 2025

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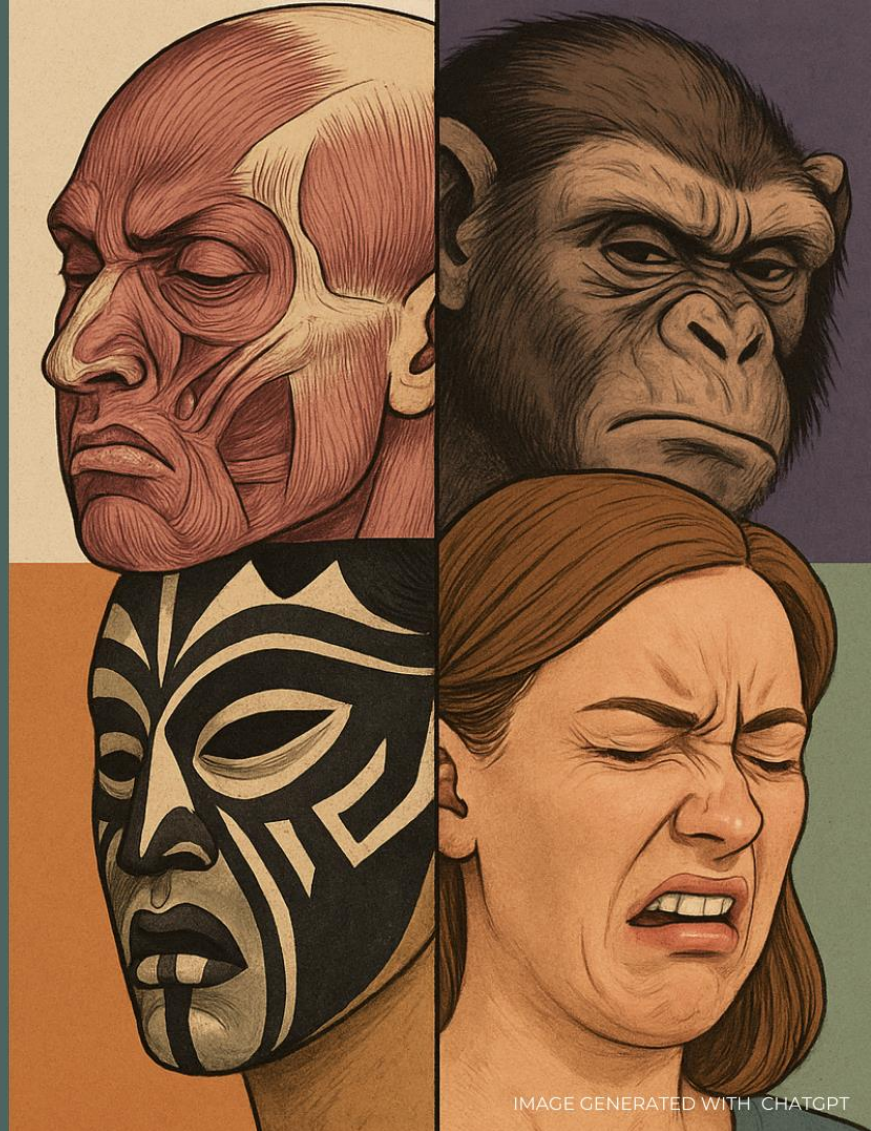
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PROGRAM

CONFERENCE VENUE

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THURSDAY DECEMBER 4 morning

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| 8:30-9:00 | <i>Registration and Welcome coffee</i> |
| 9:00-9:30 | <i>Welcome and Introduction</i>
Meeting aims
In Memoriam Valerie Curtis |
| 09:30-10:30 | Keynote 1
Caroline Amoroso
Evolution and ecology of infection avoidance:
Principles and experiments |
| 10:30-11:00 | <i>Coffee break</i>

THEME 1: The origins of disgust
Chair: Marie Charpentier |
| 11:00-11:20 | Martin Kavaliers
Disgust in invertebrates: Avoidance of infection threat
by a land snail |
| 11:20-11:40 | Patricia Lopes
Physiological shifts in hosts facing parasitic risk |
| 11:40-12:00 | Cécile Sarabian
Disgust beyond humans: Insights from our closest primate
relatives and future directions |
| 12:00-12:20 | Marie Charpentier
Behavioural immunity and parasite avoidance
in mandrills (<i>Mandrillus sphinx</i>): Kinship, hygiene,
and social transmission |
| 12:30-14:00 | <i>Lunch</i> |

THURSDAY DECEMBER 4 afternoon

THEME 2: Pathogen disgust

Chair: **Mats Lekander**

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| 14:00-14:20 | Edwin Dalmaijer
Disgust is characterised by quick but short-lived efferent and slower but sustained afferent neurogastric interactions |
| 14:20-14:40 | Daniela Dlouhá
Disgust sensitivity and motherhood: Longitudinal changes from pregnancy to postpartum |
| 14:40-15:00 | Eva Landová
Emotional salience of evolutionary and modern disgust-relevant threats |
| 15:00-15:20 | Mats Lekander
Doctors' judgement of visual cues of health:
A case control study of expertise, clinical speciality and years of experience |
| 15:30-16:00 | <i>Coffee break</i> |
| 16:00-17:00 | Keynote 2
Paul Rozin (Online)
Is disgust a unitary emotion? |
| 17:00-18:30 | Poster session with drinks |
| 19:30-22:30 | <i>Conference dinner (group 1, by invitation only)</i> |

FRIDAY DECEMBER 5 morning

8:30-9:00	<i>Welcome Coffee</i>
9:00-10:00	Keynote 3 Philip Powell Putting the gross in domestic product: Disgust and consumer behaviour
10:00-10:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
	THEME 3: Disgust across cultures Chair: Lei Fan
10:30-10:50	Joshua Tybur Testing the universality of disgust across 36 societies
10:50-11:10	Tom Kupfer Dissociable psychological disgust mechanisms across 67 countries: Oral–gastric for pathogen avoidance, skin–surface for ectoparasite defence
11:10-11:30	Lei Fan Moral disgust and anger across borders: Linking to forms of aggressive punishment in Western, East Asian, and cross-cultural contexts
11:30-12:30	Flash talks & Discussion Daqing Liu, Michael Donner, Michal Stefanczyk, Jan Havlíček, Emily Bagley, Laura Gagliardi, Çağla Çınar
12:30-14:00	<i>Lunch</i>

FRIDAY DECEMBER 5 afternoon

14:00-15:00 **Keynote 4**

Cindy Kam

The politics of disgust

THEME 4: Applications

Chair: Sylvie Borau

15:00-15:20 **Jared Piazza**

Does disgust keep us avoiding meat?

15:20-15:40 **Sylvie Borau**

The expanding circle of moral disgust:

From animal suffering to robot mistreatment

15:40-16:00 **Jorge Tobajas (Online)**

Applications of disease avoidance and disgust in wildlife management and conservation:

The conditioned food aversion

16:00-16:30 *Coffee break*

16:30-17:30 **Roundtable**

Moral disgust: Is it disgust after all?

Léo Fitouchi, Roger Giner-Sorolla, Catherine Molho,
Josh Tybur

17:30-18:30 **General discussion & Perspectives**

19:30-22:30 *Conference dinner (group 2, by invitation only)*