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Education

- Computer Scientist
- Physician
- Genomics & Medical Genetics

Activism

- Social Medicine
- Animal Rights



Advancing Social Medicine

- GNU Solidario is a non-for-profit organization
- Works globally
- Focused on Social Medicine
- Fights for the rights of human and nonhuman animals
- NPO behind GNU Health and Global Exposome Project

GNU Solidario around the world



Projects from GNU Solidario









GNUHealth: The Libre Digital Health Ecosystem













Rompiendo Cadenas



Free beagles from experiments at University of Barcelona, and replace them by ethical, human-relevant methods













A call to accelerate human-focussed medical research

The exposome

Exposome/ ('ekspəʊˌsəʊm) /

"The cumulative measure of environmental influences and associated biological responses throughout the lifespan, including exposures from the environment, diet, behavior, and endogenous processes."

Miller and Jones (2014)

Humanity cause and victim of a global chronic inflammation

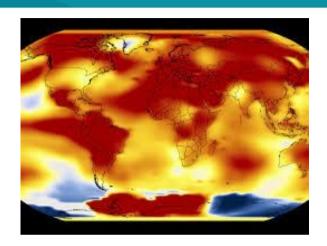


- Anthropocentrism
- Capitalism
- Speciesm
- Abuse of natural resources
- Social gradient & inequity

Anthropogenic disaster by a few powerful greedy, myopic psychopaths









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Corporate influence in Europe Decision Making



gmfreeme.org

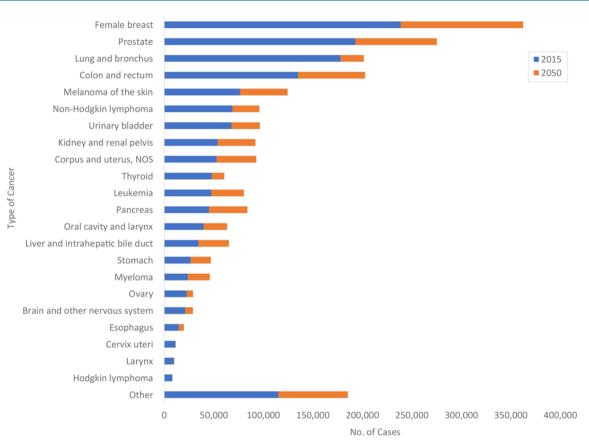
Monsanto fined \$289 million for failing to warn users of glyphosate-cancer link

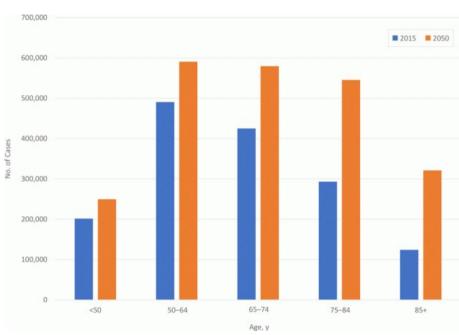
In the first of many pending trials in the US, a California jury has ruled that the herbicide glyphosate (Roundup) can cause cancer.

2023: Despite the facts EU keeps extending the use of glyphosate

- CYP450 inhibitor
- Cancer
- Dysbiosis / microbiome unbalance
- Autism

Cancer incidence on the rise (in all age groups)





Source: CDC

Nature and Nurture: The underprivileged always more vulnerable



Tuberculosis: Paradigm of Social disease 1/3 of the global population is infected. Who gets sick?

NATALIA LUXARDO · FERNANDO SASSETTI editores



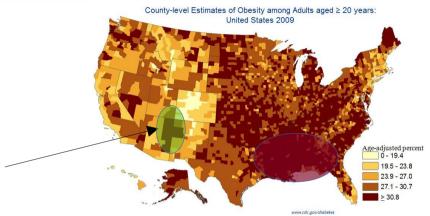
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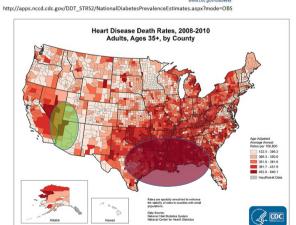


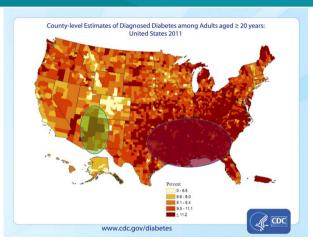
New data shows COVID-19's disproportionate impact on American Indian, Alaska Native tribes

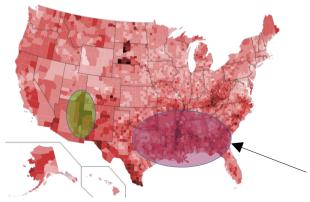
Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center, Center for American Indian Health launch visualization of pandemic spread within Tribal Nations

Nature and Nurture: Map of obesity, diabetes, heart disease and poverty in the US









http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:US_Poverty_Rates.svg

Nature and Nurture: 20000+ children die daily victims of Social diseases





Human Trafficking

Contaminated Water

Malnutrition

Cholera

Drug abuse

Prostitution

Chagas

Tuberculosis

Child Labour

War

Family Violence

Malaria

HIV /AIDS





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Animal experimentation: A cruel business lost in translation







Kidnapping, hurting and killing sentient beings is not science

- "Humans are not 70-kg mice" (Leist, Hartung)
- Over 96% trials result in failure
- ≈100% failure in neurodegenerative conditions
- Lost in translation from preclinical animal trials to human.
- 3Rs (Replace, Reduce, Refine) has failed

See: https://www.gnusolidario.org/animalrights/petition-free-beagles.html

Link between Animal Cruelty and Violence against women



Spain sets record of animal cruelty and violence against women



VIOLENCIA MACHISTA >

Un comienzo de año trágico con cuatro mujeres asesinadas en un día dispara las alarmas de la violencia machista

Tras un diciembre con cifras récord, enero arranca con una jornada negra que provoca concentraciones en diversas localidades y llamadas a renovar el pacto de Estado

elpais.com

Compassionate Science, Sustainable Planet



Mother nature, animals (human and non-human)



Global**Exposome**

Compassionate Science, Sustainable Planet

Education

People, patients, health prof, Politicians...

Research

Medicine, exposomics, Agriculture, Social sciences, urbanism...

Collaboration

Open Science, Free Software, Local capacity building

Respect: "First, do no harm"

Respect

Mother nature, animals (human and non-human)

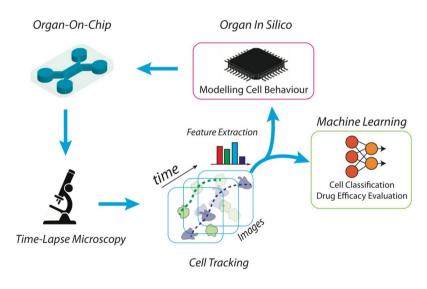
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We use ethical, human relevant alternatives to animal experimentation

Respect

Support cruelty-free, human relevant research



From Petri Dishes to Organ on Chip Platform: The Increasing Importance of Machine Learning and Image Analysis https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/fphar.2019.00100/full

NAMs

- New Approach Methodologies
- Human relevant
- Ethical
- Affordable
- Dynamic
- Specific to individual / context

Education and reaching out

Education



First GNU Solidario project. Santiago del Estero, Argentina 2006

Education: Working with academic & research institutions

HST.936: Global Health Informatics to Improve Quality of Care

The 2015 iteration of our course will focus on Public Health Emergencies and Humanitarian Crises.

lasses begin: February 6, 2015 ridays 9am – 11am ET (GMT -5)







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Research: The Stiletto Project

A Computational Model of the Cerebral Perforating Arteries in Health and Disease

Research



A computational model of the cerebral perforating arteries in health and disease

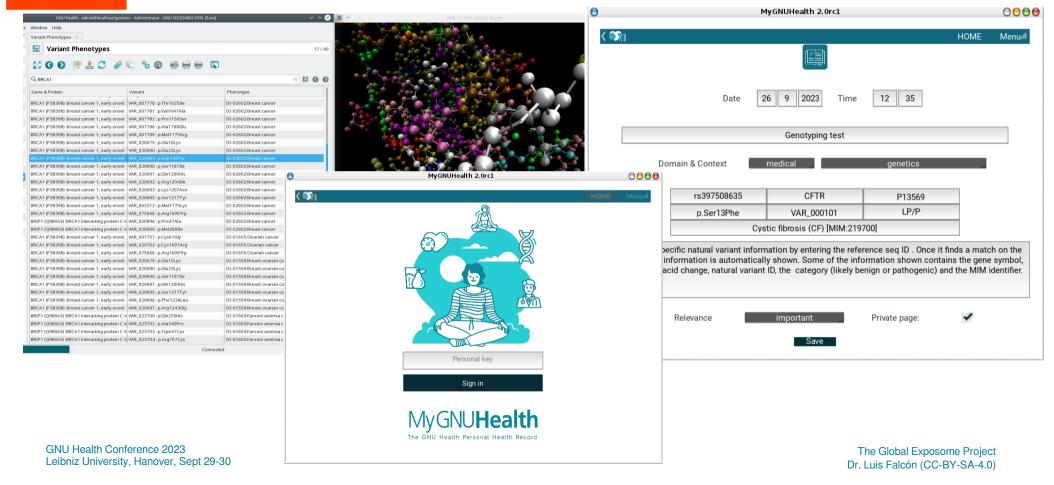
- Role of exposome in Small Vessel Disease, cognitive impairment & dementia
- Multi-disciplinary project
- Tiny cerebral arteries (μm) critical in cerebral homeostasis
- Brain microcirculation and the neurovascular unit (NVU)
- Cruelty-free research (no animal models)
- Open Science for education and research





Data collection and aggregation from institutions and individuals

Research



Collaboration: GNUHealth Federation

Collaboration



GNU Solidario around the world

Collaboration



Collaboration: Building local capacity and autonomous communities



Collaborating through Open Science & Free Software

Collaboration

































Public Administration adoption

Collaboration





















Thank you!











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