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The art of infection

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Artist Fritha Langerman of UCT's Michaelis School of Fine Art is the creator and curator of Subtle Thresholds, a new exhibition that explores infectious diseases and the complex inter-relationship between the zoological, human and microbial worlds.

Langerman spent over two years developing the exhibition, combining thousands of elements to examine the historic and current visual representation of disease.

"Infectious diseases are caused by organisms which are as deserving of visual attention as any other species," she says. "The exhibition suggests that within an extremely complex biological system, humans represent a very small unit."

Displays include historical medical equipment, a 68-metre infectious disease timeline, light boxes with viral images, sign plates with GPS co-ordinates of outbreaks, images inspired by electron microscope of animal droppings, steel silhouettes of bacteria, taxidermy specimens of animals, and 512 cut-out hands from historical images of healing.

The exhibition is disconcerting for visitors expecting a more traditional, scientific museum display, and the obscure way the information is presented may be frustrating for some. The intention in this case, however, appears to be less to inform than to encourage viewers to re-examine their thoughts, fears and beliefs about disease. It also challenges the idea that this subject matter is purely the preserve of medical scientists.

Subtle Thresholds is on at the Iziko South African Museum in Cape Town from 25 July to March 2010.

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