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The different epistemes of global health have become highlighted by the recent crisis, where graphs and charts formed the basis for political decisions and directly gave rise to new rules for behaviour in many parts of public life. But these effects are not limited to the current preoccupation with the pandemic, the entanglement of data and political decisions much rather suffuses global health governance in a broader sense. This panel looks beyond the pandemic to the ways in which data and technologies have shaped our understanding of health and illness in a variety of contexts, and also explores some of the knowledges that are left out of the current data-centric view of health governance. Importantly, these oversights and discontinuities are not without measurable effect, as they can give rise to regulatory bottlenecks and missed opportunities for the research and development of new treatments and approaches.

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