

CENTRE FOR THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE SEMINAR SERIES 2012-2013

Tuesday, 30 October 2012 (Week 5)
5.00 pm – Ramphal Building Room R.014

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Medical Marginality in South Asia

In India, the health and mental welfare needs of large numbers of people are met outside the realm of what is considered to be 'legitimate' medicine. This alternative sector, which is marginalised by the Indian state, is extremely heterogeneous in form. We shall examine the extent of this sector, how it operates, and ask how it has evolved and changed over time and how it has related in ever-changing ways to the 'legitimate' forms of medicine and healing. At a time when the medical-industrial complex looms larger than ever before and when certain 'traditional' practices, such as Ayurveda and yoga, have been included increasingly within the 'legitimate' sector, we shall draw attention to the marginalised subaltern sector and the logic of its many practices.



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