Friday, February 15, 2013
Venue: Seminarzentrum, Silberlaube (Erdgeschoss), Otto-von-Simson-Str. 26, 14195 Berlin

9.15 Opening address: Hansjörg Dilger (FU Berlin) and Małgorzata Rajtar (FU Berlin/University of Gdańsk)

9.30 Keynote Speech: Thomas J. Csordas, University of California, San Diego
Strange Bedfellows or Natural Allies? Two Cases of Collaboration between Religion and Medicine

10.00 Discussion

10.10 – 10.25 Coffee Break

Session I: Spiritual healing and religious therapies in an interconnected world
10.25 Ananda Samir Chopra, University of Heidelberg
From humoral medicine to spiritual healing – how Āyurveda becomes spiritual when it goes global

11.00 Julia Cassaniti, Washington State University
Medicine, Mindfulness, and Madness: Struggles through a changing mental health landscape in Thailand

11.35 Mona Schrempf, University of Westminster/Humboldt University Berlin
Spirit Matters – Ritual Healing between Medicine and Religion in Bhutan

12.05-13.30 Lunch break

Session II: Crossing boundaries in healing practices
13.30 Christine Holmberg and Florian Besch
Religion, Medicine, and Healing – How the relationship of patients, healers, doctors shape and are shaped by concepts of healing

14.05 Marko Uibu, University of Tartu
The Voice of the Body and Western Biomedicine: Experiences of Estonian Spiritual Practitioners

14.40 Franziska Herbst, University of Heidelberg
Propitiating the Spirits: Religious Healing in Giri, Papua New Guinea
15.15 General Discussion
16.00 Coffee Break
16.15 Film Screening: *Drugs & Prayers* by Helene Basu
18.30 Optional Dinner at "Luise", Königin-Luise-Straße 40 – 42, 14195 Berlin

**Saturday, February 16, 2013**
Venue: Seminarraum, Institute of Social & Cultural Anthropology, Freie Universität Berlin, Landoltweg 9-11, 14195 Berlin

9.15 Keynote Speech: Helene Basu, University of Münster
*In & Out of Religion: Anthropology and Politics of Mental Health in India*
9.45 Discussion

9.55-10.10 Coffee Break

**Session III:** Religion and spirituality in biomedical settings (1)
10.10 Alice Larotonda, University of Amsterdam
*Renewed Strength, Renewed Morality: The Rhetoric of Strengthening through Suffering in Pediatric Rare Diseases*

10.35 Małgorzata Rajtar, FU Berlin/University of Gdańsk
“You signed your own death sentence.” Experiences of Jehovah’s Witness patients in German hospitals

11.10 Josiane Le Gall and Sylvie Fortin, Université de Montréal
*Negotiating religious issues in clinical practice: The case of Muslim migrants in Montreal*

11.45- 13.15 Lunch break

**Session IV:** Religion and spirituality in biomedical settings (2)
13.15 Jacques Cherblanc, University of Québec
*Spirituality and Palliative care: a grounded-theory analysis*

13.50 Jenny Schreiber, University of Hamburg
*Attitudes towards organ donation and perception of brain death among Malay Muslims in Malaysia*

14.25 Shai Lavi and Sky Gross, Tel Aviv University
*Kosher Brain Death: A Clash of Medical, Lay and Rabbinic Optics in Israel*

15.05 General Discussion
16.00 Departure