

**Religion Inside Medicine.  
Epistemology, Law, and Everyday Experience and Practice**

**February 15-16, 2013  
Freie Universität Berlin**

**Workshop Program**

**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