

Afflicted minds – ‘Madness’, morality, and emotions in rural Bali

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This project contributes to current debates on illness experience, care and therapeutic landscapes in Bali, Indonesia. The island has established itself as a hub for international cooperation on mental health and illness. Based on the collaboration with professional networks already initiated during previous fieldwork, this project is well connected to local and international institutions. It investigates the illness experience associated with severe psychiatric disorders as intertwined moral, cognitive, and emotional processes. This analytic link has not been studied so far and promises to provide an in-depth description of how global knowledge flows influence personal and social illness trajectories and outcomes outside of the Global North, by methodologically particularizing the diverse Balinese therapeutic landscapes.