

# Global Friday Presents

## Global health, Death, and the Moral Work of the Doctor in India

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This presentation looks at the confrontation between the imagination of Global Health to deliver health and the history of private health sector in India. I trace the tensions that characterize the private health sector in India such as the moral duty of serving the nation and the market pressure of making a profit. Studying the set of laws that govern private practice of doctors, I show how the afflicted patient and health providers in India are caught and participate between the aspirations of the nation, the market, and the protocols of disease management. These demands are made conflicting and reframes death, dying, and suffering in the clinic as a cause of immoral and profiteering ways often resulting in the extraordinary violence against doctors and other healthcare personnel. Tracing a Global Health intervention reveal the ways in which illness is threaded through discourses of the nation that the figure of the doctor embodies in the clinic. This explains how afflictions are understood through notions of sacrifice and morality rather than an overburdened, underfunded public sector as well as an unregulated private sector.

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**Where: 7-158 in the Agora**



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