

Call for Papers

New Series on TRAFO – Blog for Transregional Research: Narratives of Health and Illness: Care and Power Within, Against and Beyond Medicine

The blog series aims to bring together the multitude of discussions and expressive models of health and illness in order to explore interdisciplinary encounters and contestations related to agency, discourse, and power structures. We seek critical engagements within the framework of medical humanities for a more inclusive conception of health care and well-being that opens up a space for personal accounts of medicalized subjects on the margins of the medical establishment. The series emphasizes that embodiedness of health and illness belongs to the realm of narrativity both as personal experience and as part of medical epistemology. We are interested in contributions from different disciplines, including but not limited to literature, anthropology, history, sociology, art history, and medicine to address not only the ways in which modern medicine narrates itself but also how postcolonial, Marxist, feminist, and queer critiques contribute to the repositioning of modern medical discourses. We are interested in contributions on the construction of agency, discourse, and power structures, as well as various modalities of perception and stigmatization in the matters of health and illness. The pieces may also critically engage with the concept of narrativity and question underlying assumptions regarding subjectivity and expressions of health and illness at an epistemological level. As pseudoscientific and pseudoskeptical challenges to modern medicine and other antagonistic narratives that position themselves against its scientific underpinnings have become particularly visible during the COVID-19 pandemic, we would also like to include discussions that transcend such superficial polarizations and unpack their entanglements with politics of race, colonialism, and uneven global circuits of misinformation.

We expect the pieces to be 1000-3000 words. Please see the following link for more information on the format: <https://trafo.hypotheses.org/contributions>

Please let us know, if this might be of interest to you and you may contact us directly at: burcualkan@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you all.

On behalf of the editorial team, thank you.

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