

Workshop: "Fertility, phenomenology of the body, and postcolonial modernity in India"

Friday 9 December 2016, 9am - 12:30pm. CeMIS Board Room, 2.112 Altbau, Waldweg 26, 37073 Göttingen

In cooperation with Göttingen Institute for Social and Cultural Anthropology (GISCA) and the Department of Medical Ethics and History of Medicine at the University of Göttingen

The workshop will discuss the strengths of 'phenomenology' and how it helps to unpack inherited modern dichotomies, including the advantages phenomenology offers over critical, post-structuralist styles of feminism. With a particular focus on questions of fertility in postcolonial India, it will provide a space for students and researchers to reflect on the frameworks that they use to study the body, health, sexuality and/or gender.

Presentations

- Kalpana Ram (Macquarie University): 'Spirit Possession and its Provocation of the Modern: Re-casting Frameworks for Researching Women's Health and Fertility'.
- Sayani Mitra (University of Göttingen): 'Affective embodiments: the case of commercial surrogacy in India'.

Chair: Professor Dr. Silke Schicktanz

Texts will be circulated before the workshop.

Please register via email by 30 November 2016 with Karin Klenke at karin.klenke@cemis.uni-goettingen.de

For further details about the speakers, go to <http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/131932.html>

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