Regional circuits of care in syndemic approaches to TB

Interlinked conditions relating to TB require networked care at multiple levels from inter-national to inter-personal. Historical and contemporary studies of resource-poor settings, demonstrate the importance of close and consistent partnerships in successful TB control, at all levels from nurse-patient alliances to sustained support from international organisations. This symposium presents and analyses the organisation and outcomes of social science research which features partnerships between more and less resource-limited settings. The proposers’ case studies are drawn from transnational studies in Oceania, specifically, the Cook Islands, Tuvalu and New Zealand, and we invite complementary work from other regions.

Target audience: Those interested in social aspects of TB control and organisations of services and partnerships, e.g., NGOs, patient groups, policy makers, researchers, students.

Presentations:

1. Theme discussion: “Regional circuits of care in syndemic approaches to TB” Judith Littleton (New Zealand), and Julie Park (New Zealand)

2. “Colonial circuits of care” Lynda Bryder (New Zealand), Phyllis Herda (New Zealand), Setapu Resture (Tuvalu), Debi Futter-Puati (Cook Islands)

3. “Care in transnational spaces” Evelyn Marsters (Cook Islands, New Zealand), Tufoua Panapa (Tuvalu, New Zealand), Sagaa Malua (Tuvalu, New Zealand)

4. “Partnerships and successful care in health services” Pat Neuwelt (New Zealand), Deborah Hay (New Zealand), Jill Miller (New Zealand)

5. Invitation – non-Pacific case study (to be confirmed)

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Chairs

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