

DIALOGUE 166

Global Mental Health Research: Challenges and Questions

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A light lunch will be provided; space is limited; note variant time and venue

Contrasting views on public, international, and global mental health require an analysis of the real meaning of mental health and mental disorder in a culture-fair set of definitions permitting appropriate and just research strategies. One of the main challenges is ethical and the need for a “differential ethics” outlook is described and discussed. The topic has been greatly influenced by the dialectics between the West and the Rest of the world when it comes to theoretical analyses, practical implications, or translation from research data to healthcare. The question about the existence of a “cosmopolitan medicine” is raised.

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