

Human Sciences Encounters in Phnom-Penh: Past Presentations: Working with Cambodians and their doctors

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The title of our presentation refers both to the research in medical anthropology that we have been conducting over the past several years, and to the title of our book, *Cambodians and Their Doctors*, that is now being published. In our research, which is based on observations and interviews in the field as well as archival studies, we have traced the articulation of the two parallel 'medical systems' existing in Cambodia: The system of modern medicine, first introduced by the French at the beginning of the twentieth century, and the indigenous Khmer health cosmology and associated healing practices. The application of these two systems has necessarily been moulded by contemporary, colonial and post-colonial, political scenarios, not least during the Pol Pot regime and its aftermath. In the presentation we will also touch on the process of transforming field research experiences into a piece of academic writing.

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