ANNOUNCEMENT - INTERNATIONAL LECTURE by Dr. SUSHRUT JADHAV

As part of the workshop “Trans/Cultural Psychiatry” of the Institute of Ethnology / WWU Münster, the internationally renowned psychiatrist and medical anthropologist

Dr. SUSHRUT JADHAV

on Friday, 13th of December, 2019, at 16:00 will present his talk on

THE BRAHMEN ON THE COUCH! CASTE IDENTITY DISTRESS AND THREAD BARING CULTURAL PSYCHOTHERAPY

Abstract

Recently, a Brahmin Professor in India met with a Dalit Psychiatrist and Clinical Anthropologist, to address the former’s caste identity distress. This seminar is about what transpired over 6 months of weekly cultural psychological therapy, and periodic follow-ups over 24 months. The Brahmin professor will be available on telephone to join the seminar discussion so as to protect his identity.

Dr. Sushrut Jadhav, M.B.B.S., M.D., MRCPsych., Ph.D., is Senior Lecturer in Cross-cultural Psychiatry at University College London (UCL); and Consultant Psychiatrist, Camden Homeless Outreach Services & Islington Mental Health Rehabilitation Services, Camden and Islington Community Health and Social Care Trust. He is Founding Editor of the international journal, Anthropology and Medicine (Taylor & Francis). He is a visiting professor at University of Ghent, Belgium. Dr. Jadhav graduated from Grant Medical College, Mumbai, and completed his postgraduate training in psychiatry at the National Institute of Mental Health & Neurosciences, Bangalore.

He subsequently obtained his PhD in Cultural Psychiatry at UCL researching white British natives of London. His current interests include 1) examining the cultural encounters between overseas students and staff, including health professionals and patients in the UK; 2) development of inter-cultural dialogues to engage with acutely unwell psychiatric patients; 3) mental health dimensions of marginal groups with a focus on South Asia; 4) examining the cultural premise of Western Psychiatry; and 5) stigmatization of mental illness.

He has chaired, examined, and taught on PhD/MPhil/Masters courses at UCL (Research Methods; Culture & Health) and University of Oxford (Medical Anthropology). Dr. Jadhav has taught extensively on medical anthropology and cultural psychiatry programs, at several national and international Universities. He is adviser to DSM 5 Task Force for Cultural Formulation. He currently supervises UCL doctoral candidates conducting research on the cultural appropriateness of mental health theory and practice in low income nations with a specific focus on India.
He combines his work as an NHS clinical psychiatrist working with homeless population in London, with his academic role as senior lecturer at UCL. His approach to clinical and academic practice is trans-disciplinary, examining cultural dimensions of mental health across nations, with a focus on Britain and South Asia. His research is translational: it brings social science insights closer to the clinic and vice versa. For over 20 years, he has addressed issues affecting the mental health of marginalized groups, including homeless population; black and ethnic minority patients; cultural identity of Dalit (formerly ‘untouchable’ caste) groups in India, among others. He has pioneered the “cultural formulation approach,” an innovative framework to work with acutely unwell patients in mental health contexts, which involves a cultural dialogue between professionals, patients, institutions and communities. He has directed and co-directed research in both the UK and India, involving ethnographic examinations around mental health and marginality, with a special interest in the political, economic and cultural factors that shape suffering and its treatment. His supervision of PhD and Post-Doc research includes examinations of mental health care, and farmers suicide in India; rehabilitation of child soldiers in Nepal; mental health training in India and Ecuador; ethnosemantics of stigma; and radicalization in the UK. He has taught a wide array of courses focused on culture and mental health in academic and clinical institutions in the UK and abroad.

**Workshop Venue:**

**Seminarraum ULB 1**

_Universitäts- & Landesbibliothek / WWU Münster_

_Krummer Timpen 5_

_48143 Münster_

**Workshop Program:**

**Friday, 2019-12-13**

14:00-16:00 Ethnologie & Psychiatrie – Einführung Helmar Kurz MA (Institut für Ethnologie) & Dr. José Koussemou (Oberazt Psychiatrie Klinikum Heidenheim) (GERMAN)

16:00-18:00 Lecture Dr. Sushrut Jadhav (ENGLISH)

**Saturday, 2019-12-14**

09:00 – 17:00 Trans/Kulturelle Psychiatrie in Deutschland – Interaktive Übungen zum Arbeitsfeld “Migration & Psychiatrie” (Dr. José Koussemou) (GERMAN)

The workshop is part of the seminar „Global Mental Health“ (Kurz, Koussemou) within the BA program “Kultur- & Sozialanthropologie“ at WWU Münster and is supported by the International Office of WWU.

Please contact Helmar Kurz (helmar.kurz@wwu.de) in case of interest or questions.
Selected recent publications of Dr. Sushrut Jadhav:


