



Rethinking Psychosocial Interventions in South Asia: Contributions from medical anthropology

4th UCL - BALM Short Course
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Objectives: This 3 day intensive course is aimed at providing an understanding of the conceptual theoretical and practical clinical challenges in applying existing psychological and social theory to psychosocial interventions within the sub-continent, and to deliberate alternative solutions.

Target audience: The course will benefit: Psychiatrists, Clinical Psychologists, Psychiatric Social Workers, Occupational Therapists, Medical Anthropologists, and Clinical Practitioners in Mental Health from the NGO, Public and Private Health sectors. Participants will be expected to have a sound basic knowledge of social sciences and its relationship to mental health in South Asia.

Course content: 1) Recent advances in psychological, social, rehabilitation & developmental models of intervention 2) Anthropological critique of Psychological and Social therapies 3) Alternative approaches tailored to the South Asian context.

Learning Objectives: Participants will 1) gain knowledge on recent thematic developments in psychological, social, and developmental models for mental health 2) learn to critique, through a medical anthropological perspective, existing theory and practice in psychosocial interventions 3) explore through live supervision, ways of reformulating case studies from their own practice to generate culturally valid alternatives.

Teaching methods comprise didactic lectures, discussion groups, and interactive workshops. Participants will be expected to submit in advance, case studies that illustrate innovations and challenges in psychosocial interventions in an individual, community or social setting.

A UCL-BALM certificate of participation will be issued on completion of the course.

Course Fees: INR 4000.00 for low income countries. Rest: GBP 275.00. *Fees do not include accommodation, food or transport to and from venue. Limited bursaries are available. Contact course co-ordinator for details.*

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