



ARE SOUTH ASIANS A SINGLE POPULATION?

INSIGHTS FROM CULTURE, GENETICS AND DISEASE

During this interdisciplinary discussion, the four panelists will discuss the ways that cultural practices and social structures intersect with biomedicine and genetics. Specifically, they will be examining the ways that endogamy and caste structures in South Asian contexts have produced implications for health practices and medical predispositions. Ultimately, the discussion will touch upon the ways that seemingly disparate academic fields can help inform and improve the practices and understandings of other disciplines. This seminar was inspired by the New York Times article “In South Asian Social Castes, a Living Lab for Genetic Disease” by Steph Yin, published on July 17, 2017.

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