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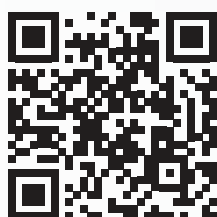
EMBEDDED ADVOCACY IN MEDICINE & HEALTH

ONLINE VIA WEBEX 5:00–7:00 PM (BEIRUT) | 4:00–6:00PM (BARCELONA)

An interdisciplinary series examining how advocacy shapes everyday care and becomes embedded in research on medicine and global health — connecting perspectives across the Global South and Global North.

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OCTOBER 28, 2025

No Theory Will Restore Us: On the Attitudes of Disenfranchised Grief

– **Todd Meyers, PhD** (Professor and Marjorie Bronfman Chair in Social Studies of Medicine, McGill University)

NOVEMBER 11, 2025

Global Histories of Social Medicine: Usable Pasts for an Untenable Present

– **Jeremy Greene, MD, PhD** (William H. Welch Professor of Medicine and History of Medicine, Johns Hopkins University) and **Anne Kveim Lie, MD, PhD** (Professor, Institute of Health and Society, Faculty of Medicine, University of Oslo)

FEBRUARY 10, 2026

How the War on Gaza Compels Us to Rethink the Inequality of Lives

– **Didier Fassin, MD, PhD** (Collège de France/ Professor, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton)

MARCH 10, 2026

Inductive Methods, Embedded Advocacy, and the Structural Limits of Decolonizing Health Research

– **Alyshia Gálvez, PhD** (Professor of Latin American and Latino Studies, Lehman College/City University of New York)

APRIL 21, 2026

Embedded Advocacy in Response to HIV/AIDS, Sexual Rights and Global Health Justice Movements

– **Richard Parker, PhD** (Professor Emeritus of Sociomedical Sciences and Anthropology, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University, and Director and President of the Brazilian Interdisciplinary AIDS Association)

MAY 12, 2026

Global Aging and the Recasting of Dependence in Times of Crisis: The Promise and Limits of Advocacy

– **Kavita Sivaramakrishnan, PhD** (Associate Professor, Department of Sociomedical Sciences, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University)

