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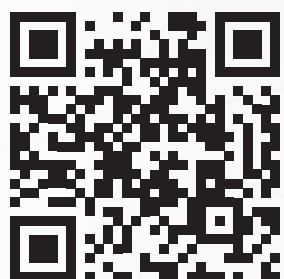
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How can the qualitative, inductive research methods of anthropology inform health research and advocacy? This talk will examine the possibilities and limits of incorporating the principles of inductive research with the objective of enhancing the quality and the outcomes of interactions, fostering greater accountability to research participants, and pursue general goals of liberation and decolonization. While Anthropology, a discipline rooted in colonial power structures and epistemological habits, can reproduce and reinforce social hierarchies and maintain the status quo, it can also be turned to more radical purposes.

Drawing on concrete examples in healthcare, health research and education, this talk will seek to reconcile potentially friction-full disjunctures between politics, practice, and theory, while highlighting potential limitations and cautions.



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