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“Mental Health Challenges Among Fuzhounese Immigrants to the United States”

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Thursday, 9 January 2014 | 4:00 - 5:30 PM
Rm. 1120, 11/F, Yasumoto International Academic Park

This talk will examine the role of cultural, socioeconomic, and legal factors in the incidence, treatment, and experience of mental illness among Fuzhounese immigrants to New York City. Immigrants from Fuzhou constitute one of the fastest growing and most impoverished groups of Chinese immigrants to the United States. Many enter the country illegally and settle in the northeastern United States, where they work (primarily in take-out restaurants) to pay off their smuggling debts and send money home. Cultural, socioeconomic, and legal pressures often lead to poor mental health and poor outcomes. The speaker will report on initial findings from a series of qualitative studies of Fuzhounese mental health patients conducted with a team of multidisciplinary researchers at Columbia University.

The seminar will be conducted in English
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