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TITLE

Childcare and Midwifery in American Philippines

SPEAKER

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Abstract

This study looks at childcare and midwifery as part of a broader health care strategy that also relied on the crucial role of women as intermediaries not only in the acceptance of western notions of health and ill-health but also the “acceptance” of a particular ideology or logic. Taken as a means to examine the American colonial period in the Philippines this study will also show that public health campaigns dealt not only with biological pathogens or the natural environment, but with domestic and personal domains that brought the “state” into the home, into domestic space, and into both women’s and men’s lives.

About the Speaker

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