

AROGYAM Peri-Doctoral workshop, Edinburgh (29 June-3 July 2015)

At this workshop, a total of 16 PhD students drawn from all the participating institutions presented and discussed papers derived from their doctoral research. In addition, six Faculty members made presentations on different aspects drawn from AROGYAM's work, ranging from the role of oral history through the use of GIS in health surveys, to the causes of the decline in immunisation coverage in some Indian States.

Participants' feedback stressed how the workshop contributed broadened and new perspectives, particularly by providing mutual communication and reciprocal insights between those whose main orientation was social science, and those based in public health. The workshop provided a good platform to present one's work and defend (and strengthen it) in front of experts, thus giving an opportunity for self-reflection about where one is at in terms of an academic career. Participants felt that there was a good level of academic discussion for each paper, and that this took place within an encouraging and supportive space. The model followed at the workshop, in which each student presented the work of another, rather than presenting their own work, was seen as a good format: 'a way of practising inter-disciplinarity with democracy!', as one participant described it. Participants also appreciated the presence of students at different levels, as well as the facilities, hospitality and networking opportunities provided by the Edinburgh team.

Suggestions for future workshops included making clear at which stage in their academic career a student had reached; a greater amount of time spent on methodologies and ethics; a specific topic of how anthropology and public health could work better together; and more faculty presentations. The option of small-group discussions should be considered, as well as the possibility of interaction with students working on different parts of the world and from different institutions.

Altogether, the students attending the workshop found the experience immensely valuable.

Programme for the Edinburgh AROGYAM Peri-Doctoral Workshop, 29 June – 3 July, 2015

Monday 29 June

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09:00-11:00 Coffee, Tea, Breakfast; Administrative Tasks

11:00-12:30 Welcome and Introductions

12:30-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:30 Paper Session 1

Paper Author

Title

Paper Presenter

Faculty

Discussant

14:00-14:45:
Rekha Ravindran, AMC

Built environment risk factors for falls among older persons: An observation study

Luciana Brondi,
UoE

Mohan Rao JNU

14:45-15:30:
Neena Philip AMC

A study to assess the extent of coverage and financial protection to the non-rich households provided by Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme in Kerala and Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme in Tamil Nadu

Veda Yumnann JNU

Roger Jeffery, UoE

15:30-16:00 Tea/coffee

16:00-17:30 Paper Session 2

Paper Author

Title

Paper Presenter

Faculty

Discussant

16:00-16:45:
Bhuvu Gupta JNU

Socialising Yoga and Ayurveda: The promotion and practice of 'indigenous' medicine and therapy within the Patanjali YogPeeth Trust's activities

Raphael Moosa
HDB

Roman Sieler HBG

16:45-17:30:
Luciana Brondi UoE

"We will pay the extra rupee to treat our son"- a conceptual framework explaining gender inequity in health care utilisation in children from Asia

Elezebeth Mathews
AMC

Rajib Dasgupta
JNU

Tuesday 30 June

09:00-09:45 Faculty Presentation: Public Health, Development Aid and Anthropology: (How) can they work together? Roman Sieler HBG

09:45-10:30 Faculty Presentation: Community surveys in the absence of sampling frame: use of GIS Biju Soman AMC

10:30-11:00 Tea/coffee

11:00-12:30 Paper Session 3

Paper Author	Title	Paper Presenter	Faculty Discussant
11:00-11:45: Vikash Kumar QMU	Health System Integration and its implication for health system: Experiences of leprosy elimination program in India	Bhuvi Gupta JNU	Biju Soman AMC

11:45-12:30: Sandra Barnreuther HDB	Public-Private Trajectories: Reproductive technologies in India	Panchi Pathak JNU	Harish Naraindas JNU
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12:30-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:30 Faculty Presentation: 'I Want to Tell My Story!' Problems and Prospects of Oral History Margret Frenz

15:30-16:00 Tea/coffee

16:00-17:30 Paper Session 4

Paper Author	Title	Paper Presenter	Faculty Discussant
16:00-16:45: Margarita Lipitova HBG	Mindfulness facted out: epistemic violence in introducing mindfulness measuring scales	Iqbal Bhat JNU	Kannan Srinivasan AMC

16:45-17:30: Chhavi Sodhi JNU	Contextualising Environment and Health: A Study of the Boatmen of the Ganga in Varanasi	Rekha Ravindran AMC	Roger Jeffery UoE
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Wednesday 1 July

09:00-10:30

Paper Session 5

Paper Author

Title

Paper Presenter

Faculty Discussant

09:00-09:45:

Panchi Pathak JNU

Implication of Flood on the health of women: A study in three villages in Barpeta district in Assam

Uma Sankar AMC

Biju Soman AMC

09:45-10:30:

Ahamaddu Zirajuddin
JNU

Religious Discourses, the State and Medicine: A Study of Health Behaviour among Muslims in Kerala

Sandra

Barnreuther HBG

Margret Frenz UoE

10:30-11:00

Tea/coffee

11:00-12:30

Faculty Presentation: Sacralising the Foetus: Notes on Perinatal Bereavement in the Anglo-American World

Harish Naraindas

12:30-14:00

Lunch

Afternoon free

Thursday 2 July

09:00-10:30

Paper Session 6

Paper Author

Title

Paper Presenter

Faculty Discussant

09:00-09:45:

Poonam Kamath HBG

Biopsychiatric reflections on mental illness

Ahamaddu

Zirajuddin JNU

Kannan Srinivasan

AMC

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09:45-10:30:

Elezebeth Mathews AMC

Peer support interventions to promote physical activity among sedentary women in Thiruvananthapuram City, India

Vikash Kumar

UoE

Mohan Rao JNU

10:30-11:00

Tea/coffee

11:00-12:30

Faculty Presentation: "Humpty Dumpty had a great fall: What explains declines in immunisation coverage in well-performing states of India?"

Rajib Dasgupta JNU

12:30-14:00

Lunch

14:00-15:30

Paper Session 7

Paper Author

Title

Paper Presenter

Faculty Discussant

14:00-14:45:

Uma Sankar AMC

Using qualitative approaches to develop a complex construct: measuring socioeconomic position

Chhavi Sodhi JNU

Bo Sax HBG

14:45-15:30:

Iqball Bhat JNU

Pastoralism, Armed Conflict and Health Services Delivery: Bakkarwals of Jammu and Kashmir in context

Neena Philip

AMC

Harish Naraindas JNU

15:30-16:00

Tea/coffee

16:00-17:00

Faculty Presentation: medical tourism to Ayurvedic institutions in Kerala

Kannan Srinivasan AMC

19:00 Dinner at Thai Restaurant: Krua Khun Mae Thai Restaurant, Craig's Close, 29 Cockburn St, <http://www.kruakhunmae.co.uk/>)

Friday 3 July

09:00-10:30

Paper Session 8

Paper Author

Title

Paper Presenter

Faculty Discussant

09:00-09:45:

Veda Yumnán JNU

Health Service Provisioning and Delivery in Conflict Situations: An Analysis of Manipur

Margarita

Lipitova HBG

Bo Sax HBG

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09:45-10:30:

Raphael Moosa HBG

Supernatural Pathologies: Shamanic Vocation and Spirit Possession among the Nachhiring Rai of East Nepal

Poonam Kathak

HBG

Roger Jeffery UoE

10:30-11:00

Tea/coffee

11:00-12:30

Wrap-Up Session

12:30-14:00

Lunch