

Panel topic: The continuity and disruption of medicine

Organizers:

Michael SY Liu (Taiwan) and Simeng Wang (France) organize the panel on the theme “The continuity and disruption of medicine” to discuss the hereditary issues of modern Chinese medicine.

Theme:

The panel aims to explore the transformation of modern medicine in China and the process of modernization on Chinese medicine including institutional and scientific transformation. The topics cover from Chinese medicine in western societies to westernization of traditional Chinese medicine in China. The debate to modernize Chinese has been argued for nearly a century while the debate turning from socio-political angles to cultural and scientific discourses. Addition to the transformation of the social role of medicine, Chinese and western bioscientific medicine are all being parts of modern life style and popular knowledge to societies in China and West. The adaption of Chinese medicine in western societies and bioscientific medicine in Chinese society both illustrated a fusing process of culture and multiple understanding on the ideology of modern science. A theme like will contribute not only the deep understanding of exchanging medical paradigms but also a way of cultural re-configuration. The panelists are teamed up with two long-term research groups on traditional Chinese medicine and modern western medicine. With the preliminary results for years studies in hands, all six panelists will present their findings to the conference participants searching comments and comparison with societies beyond China and France. The panelists will prove case studies and theories on specific issues on the main theme of this panel. The interaction between panelists cold inspire broad discussion of the formation of contemporary medicine.