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Hans Kilian Lecture

Wednesday, April 26, 2023 | Hybrid: GD 1/156 and ZOOM
4.15 p.m. - 6 p.m. (CET)

Free registration: via e-mail to kkc@rub.de – Please indicate whether you would like to attend in person or online.

Prof. Dr. Carol Kidron (University of Haifa, Israel)

Global transcultural translations of PTSD: Transforming Cambodian political subjugation into trauma

Efforts to provide culturally appropriate global mental health interventions have included attention to local idioms of distress. This talk will critically examine the gap between lay ethnopsychological understandings of the Cambodian idiom of *baksbat* (broken courage), often experienced as fear of political and class-based subjugation on the one hand and clinical conceptualizations of the idiom as a potential indicator of posttraumatic stress disorder. For this purpose, ethnographic semi-structured interviews with trauma survivors are used, which show the resistance to clinical translations and hybrid European-Western and Khmer treatment methods.