

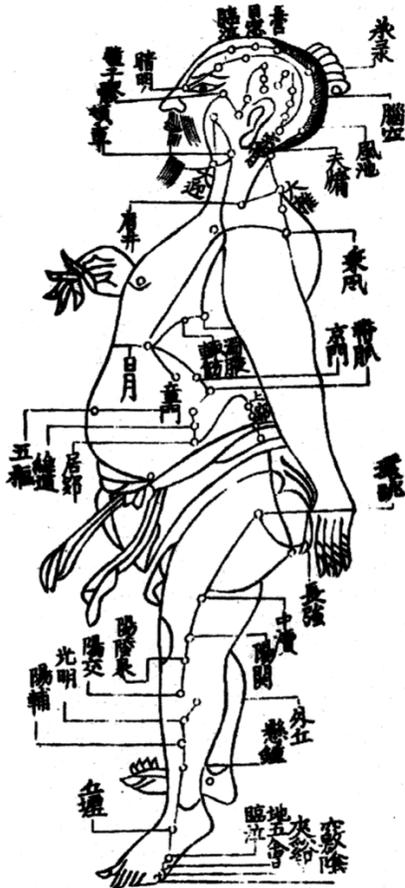
HISTORY OF CHINESE MEDICINE

Thursday 11AM-1:50PM, online

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This is an advanced-level research seminar, which provides you with an opportunity to complete an independent research project. This term our focus is the history of Chinese medicine. We will work both together in class and independently as scholars to explore Chinese medicine in historical contexts. Some main topics include:

- ✓ What is the “body” in Chinese medicine? What are the cosmological and political implication of the medical body?
- ✓ What is a disease in Chinese medicine? Is a disease always a thing in itself?
- ✓ How did people in pre-modern China perceive epidemics and their attendant issues, such as contagion and segregation?
- ✓ What role did Western imperialism play in the development of Chinese medicine?
- ✓ Why is the so-called “Traditional Chinese Medicine” a modern instead of a traditional system?

Learning during a Pandemic

We are going through an exceptional time which might have posed a lot of challenges to you and yours. I hope learning history will help you find meaning, enjoyment, and some inspirations from how people in the past coped with crises and endeavored to improve their societies (in this class, we are literally learning about historical epidemics and solutions!). I also hope this seminar will provide an opportunity for you to interact with your classmates and me so we can stay connected in the times of social isolation. Normally I have everything set on my syllabus and will not make changes during the quarter. Given the volatile situation of the pandemic, however, I will check in with the class periodically and make adjustments if need be. Please make sure you stay in touch via email and on Gauchospace. If you have questions/meet challenges, please don't hesitate to reach out. I'm always happy to offer help!