Recent years have seen a dramatic increase in the use of psychiatric medications among children, adolescents, and adults in many countries. Psychopharmaceuticals are big business and are at the center of the globalization of psychiatry. The production of clinical evidence, professional standards of practice, the conceptual models used to think about psychiatric disorders, and the experience of taking medication are all shaped by the interests of pharmaceutical companies and by wider social and cultural attitudes toward medication. This meeting brings together leading scholars from anthropology, sociology, history, and health sciences to examine the cultural shaping and consequences of the use of psychiatric medication. Sessions will address the history, and political economy of psychopharmacology, the production of professional knowledge and the uses of medication, popular attitudes toward medication, and phenomenological pharmacology.
**June 14 (Thursday)**

**FROM POLITICS TO PRACTICE**

14h-14h30  
Partial truths and competing paradigms: Stakes in the administration of drug compliance in the treatment of ADHD  
Kalman Appitbaum, University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee

14h30-15h  
Pills that swallow policy: India's National Mental Health Program  
Sumeet Jain & Sushrut JadHAV, University College London

15h-15h30  
Ways of distributing pills in India: The case of fluoxetine (Prozac)  
Stefan ECKS, University of Edinburgh

15h30-16h  
**BREAK**

16h-16h30  
Psychotropic medication use with children and adolescents: A comparative study  
Vivianne KOVESS, McGill University/Fondation MGEN

16h30-17h  
Edgy ethics and storied science: Marketing neuroscience as the truth of depression  
Jonathan METZL, University of Michigan

17h-17h45  
**Panel Discussion**  
Laurence KIRMAYER (chair), Ellen CORIN, Jerry FLOERSCH, Norman HOFFMAN, & Andrea TONE

17h45-18h  
Launch of the Transcultural Psychiatry Festschrift for Raymond Prince  
Sylvaine DE PLAEN, Hôpital Ste-Justine

18h-18h  
**Reception and Poster Session**

19h-21h  
Hoffman's Potion (film)  
Sushrut JADHAV (ch), David HEALY, Andrea TONE

**June 15 (Friday)**

**PHENOMENOLOGICAL PHARMACOLOGY**

14h-14h30  
Uncertainty in an era of evidence-based practices: The ambiguous texture of medicines on a transcultural clinical scene  
Ellen CORIN, Cécile Rousseau, & Annie Gauthier, McGill University

14h30-15h  
Psychological ramifications of psychotropic medication use among adolescents, their parents, and physicians  
Norman Hoffman, McGill University

15h-15h30  
Selfhood, psychopharmaceuticals, and society: Narratives of psychotropic medication use among adolescents, their parents, and physicians  
Kelly McKinney, McGill University

15h30-16h  
Adolescent experience of psychotropic treatment  
Jerry FLOERSCH, Case Western Reserve University

16h-16h30  
The tenuous notion of specificity  
Amir RAZ, McGill University

16h30-17h  
**Panel Discussion**  
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