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Centre for International Mental Health, Melbourne School of Population and Global Health



INVITATION

Cultural and Global Mental Health Film Initiative

Date: Monday 22nd of April 2013

Time: 5:30pm-7:00pm

Venue: 207 Bouverie Street, Basement
Lecture Theatre 1, B1.03

The Centre for International Mental Health (CIMH, School of Population and Global Health) will host a monthly screening of film-documentaries relating to cultural and global mental health, followed by discussion.

This initiative, free and open to the public, provides an opportunity to raise awareness of issues related to cultural and international/global mental health and connect academics, post-graduate students, health and non-health professionals, journalists and media, policy makers and NGOs interested in these issues.

The documentary *Kusum* (Finland, 69 min) is about a 14 year old Indian girl named Kusum and her family. Suddenly, Kusum quits eating, isolates and gets difficult fits of rage. An experienced healer suggests she is being attacked by evil spirits. The family tests Western medicine at first, but then settles upon the traditional Indian spiritual healing.

At the end of this first screening, following discussion, members of the audience will be invited to suggest proposals for future screenings and chaired discussions.

No RSVP is required and all are welcomed. For further information please contact Dr. Erminia Colucci at ecolucci@unimelb.edu.au

