Borders, Babies and Body Parts: The Ethical Dilemmas of Medical Tourism

Medical tourism is an ethically problematic phenomenon. The growth of private facilities in low and middle-income countries trying to attract wealthier, fee-paying patients from abroad may 'crowd out' access to essential health care for poorer citizens. Fertility tourism and organ transplant tourism also raise ethical concerns. Join us as we discuss the ethical dilemmas posed by the private medical tourism market, the surge in reproductive medical travel and the persistent organ trade. As part of our discussion, we will screen an excerpt of Tales From the Organ Trade by Emmy Award-winning director Ric Esther Bienstock.

Experts:

Raywat Deonandan  
Assistant Professor  
University of Ottawa

Ric Esther Bienstock  
Director/Producer/Writer  
Tales From the Organ Trade

Ronald Labonté  
Canada Research Chair  
Professor University of Ottawa

Moderator:

Valorie Crooks  
Associate Professor, SFU