Remediation: Pharmikons and the Politics of Environmental Health

This talk investigates the highly ambiguous phenomenon of environmental remediation, which has become a key corporate strategy for managing the implications of damage to both populations and environments. Using Derrida’s reading of the Pharmikon and Grusin and Bolton’s media studies analysis of “remediation,” Medovoi suggests that, especially in the Global South, there is a toxifying as well as a curative thrust to promises of “environmental remediation” that deserves ecocritical consideration.

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