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# **The Limits of Diagnosis: Sex and Law in Indian Psychiatry**

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**4:00-5:15 PM**

**Wang Center Lecture Hall 1**

This presentation examines the practice and power of narratives of sexuality in the context of medicine and law in north India. It examines the social, symbolic, and narrative processes involved in medico-legal practice in north India, the reform histories that shape the way diagnosis unfolds, and the stories that become possible and impossible to tell when love, gender, agency, and rationality are in question.

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