A “Prison of Love”: Exploitation and the Promotion of “Care Ethics” for Female Care Workers in China.

Feminist geographers and employers alike have called for an ethics of attentiveness, responsibility, and responsiveness in care work. But how do these demands for intensive emotional labor shape the working conditions – and the self-concept – of the women who do this work? This talk reports on empirical research in Shanghai and Beijing to challenge the call for low-wage, high-guilt emotional labor.