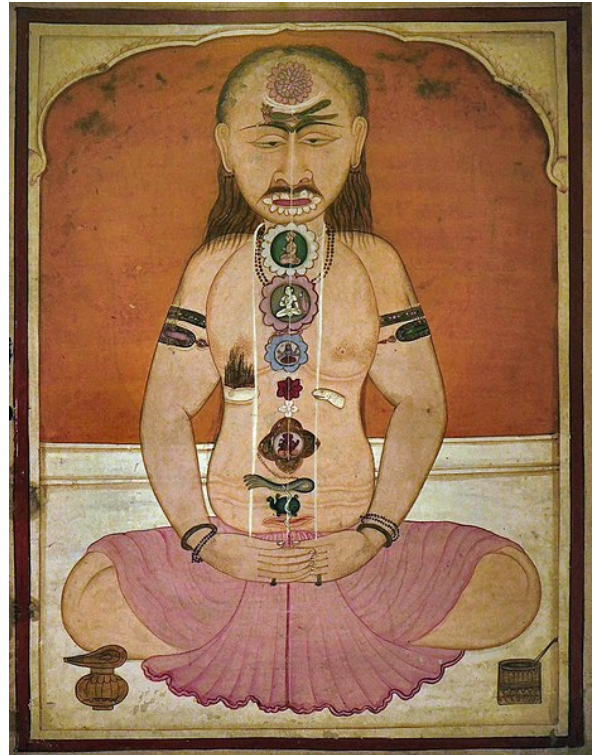


RELI 220H

Religion and Medicine



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Tu/Thu 2:00-3:15PM

Gen Ed Requirements:
PH, CI, GL
Ideas in Action: FC-
GLOBAL, FC-
VALUES

This course engages with a wide range of religious traditions historically and in the current era to examine crucial issues of health care, medical ethics, disability, and the body. After a history of medicine from the Greeks to Islam to medieval Christianity in comparison with medicine in Buddhist traditions, further topics may include pilgrimages and miraculous healing, shamans, yoga and acupuncture, hospital chaplaincy, medical care on the Sabbath, and mental health care and spirituality. We then turn to significant ethical cases involving race, gender, and disability, such as the origins of gynecological medicine, the eugenics movement, epidemic colonialism, and gender fluidity in gods, angels, and ritual healers. The course ends on three themes in global perspective: pandemics, pain treatment, and rituals for the dying.

