Diversifying the Centre
Reconsidering Imperial Medicine in 18th-century China

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Abstract Imperial medicine usually brings to mind the medical care of the emperor, pharmaceutical treatises, and the physicians of the Imperial Medical Bureau. The lens of institutional history, however, points to a number of organisations and posts including imperial physicians, specialists of bonesetting at an institution that managed horses, as well as officials at the Imperial Pharmacy. The pluralistic organisation of the medical realm reveals the richness of practitioners and practices in eighteenth century Qing imperial medicine.

Speaker Dr Aricanli is interested in the social and cultural history of medicine in China. Her doctoral project focused on the history of Qing imperial medicine, more specifically the plurality of its institutions, actors, and practices through the eighteenth century. The intersection of human and animal medicine and methods of equine care continue to be areas she enjoys to explore in research. After completing a masters in the history of Chinese medical texts at the Beijing University of Chinese medicine, and Ph.D. at Princeton, she is now teaching and researching Chinese history at Durham University.

All seminars take place on Wednesdays (unless otherwise arranged) at 5pm in rooms 8 & 9 in the Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies. Tea will be served at the same venue at 4:45pm. All are welcome!