Abstract

In this article, the author analyses Yoga users’ and specialists’ notions related to the different etiological ascriptions of illness in the Metropolitan Buenos Aires Area (AMBA), Argentina. The diverse specialists’ and users’ perspectives are distinguished according to processes of adoption and meaning re-assignment of Eastern practices. Throughout her work, the author emphasizes that although illness is always understood as an energy imbalance, the latter may be caused by different situations, which involve individual, social and environmental aspects as well as those that are linked to the sacred.

Keywords

Etiology, illness, yoga, imbalance, medical anthropology, Argentina.