



The Future of Hansen Disease Settlements: Social Memory, Activism and Curatorship

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This special issue focuses on contemporary issues of memory, activism, and curatorship of Hansen Disease settlements. The topic of Hansen Disease or leprosy brings to the Journal the memory and legacy of Hansen Disease settlements which were established in the 19th century in many places around the world. These settlements of another time bring to contrast the contemporary treatment and surveillance of people who have Hansen Disease. The focus of the issue is to bring to light that memory, activism, and curatorship are enduring processes that shape our understanding of the past and the future. We ask for contributions which engaged with the following topics: 1. the memory of natural and human resources that brings out the local and regional ways in which Hansen Disease settlements organized regimes of segregation and isolation and the future of dealing with Hansen Disease settlements. 2. Secular activism, religious humanitarianism (and beyond): postcolonial perspectives. 3. Curatorship: The future of Leprosy Settlement/Museums in any part of the world. This Special Issue welcomes all scholars' original articles that focus on these topics.





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