



Seminar by Kristine Andreassen

Researching positive youth development in the shanty towns of post-colonial Haiti

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In the wake of the devastating earthquake of 2010, urban Haiti is left with a growing population of resource poor youths with secondary education and altered expectations for their future. Bringing anthropology and community medicine together in a participatory action research with a youth club in Port-au-Prince, using visual methods and creative products to explore the everyday life and navigation of the participating youths, this PhD project is seeking to understand how to empower youths for their continuous struggle to exit poverty. The project also touches on themes of adverse childhood experience, toxic distress, trauma, epigenetics, and human resilience.

Kristine Andreassen is a medical doctor, a PhD student at UiT (The Arctic University of Norway) and a volunteer worker and board member in Prosjekt Haiti (www.prosjekthaiti.org). She will share her experience from 10 years in the field and facilitate discussion around ethical and methodological concerns when searching truth within the chaos of post-colonial, aid-work industrial, resource poor settings.