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**Psychiatry Under the Influence: Institutional
Corruption, Social Injury and Prescriptions
for Reform**

Robert Whitaker: „In 1980, the American Psychiatric Association (APA) adopted a disease model for categorizing and treating psychiatric disorders. This was a model that served both the guild interests of the APA and the financial interests of the pharmaceutical companies, which quickly began providing funds to the APA and to academic psychiatrists in the U.S. to promote this model around the world. However, the narrative told to the public was belied by scientific findings, and this has led to great social injury — the burden of mental illness has gone up in country after country. What can be done to counter this institutional corruption?“

The talk will be followed by a moderated discussion.

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