

Department of Philosophy Colloquium Series

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4-6 p.m.

Watson Hall
Room 517



Political prescriptions: Two pandemic stories



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I symmetrically explore the political underpinnings and connections of two pharmaceuticals during the Covid-19 pandemic, ivermectin and remdesivir, primarily in the United States. I illustrate shifting dynamics of expert-lay interplay and competing knowledge claims and public trust in politically charged environments. I offer axes on which they can be apprehended within political logics: (a) ivermectin as a “populist drug”, (b) remdesivir as an “establishment drug”. The two pharmaceuticals were politicized, and perhaps more surprising, politics became pharmaceuticalized.

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