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Lessons from Forensic Science: Why History Matters



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Abstract: The rise of medical jurisprudence and forensic science historically offers important lessons for how we should approach forensics today. Drawing from the history of forensics in colonial South Asia and the common-law world during the 19th-20th centuries, this talk provides cautionary tales pertaining to field formation, the establishment and migration of credibility, and the consolidation of authority of forensic fields.



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