

## Taking Care of Yourself in an Uncaring Institution

Webinar 6 with Dr. Ariane Hanemaayer

The institution is uncaring and causes harm, so now what?

### GET CRITICAL . GET SOCIOLOGICAL .

1. Poor mental health in the academy is often a function of the culture and workload
2. Stress and pressure are normalized and even glorified in the academy
3. Recognize the barriers in your position/ circumstances (i.e. pressure to publish, imposter syndrome, ideological conflicts)

### CREATE SPACE FOR YOUR WELLNESS

- ✓ "Just Say No" and prioritize your tasks
- ✓ Be realistic about your capacity, resources, and circumstances
- ✓ Respect yourself by creating boundaries
- ✓ Learn how you work best
- ✓ Celebrate every achievement
- ✓ Take rejection as part of the feedback process

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### BUILD SOLIDARITY

- Institutions need to be held accountable to enact meaningful change
- Often it is easier to approach challenges collectively with peers
- Making demands to an institution benefits everyone, i.e. others will benefit from your requests, demands, strategies, and success
- Advocacy can be tricky, as it always co-exists with privilege and entitlements—which is why diplomacy as a tactic is important

"My performance at one point in time is not tied to my self-worth, rather, it is just that—what I was capable of doing at the time."

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