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Presentation Time Slot: 1:15 PM - 1:30 PM

Presentation Room and Venue: Iberville, Marriott

Abstract:

This research aims to carry out an archaeological analysis of the current Dr. José Horwitz Barak Psychiatric Institute in Santiago de Chile, a place historically considered a total institution. Since its creation in 1858, this hospital has served as the main psychiatric center in Chile. The present investigation explores the historical use of space within the institute through the architectural record that includes historic buildings up to contemporary material evidence. The research delves into the material changes and continuities that have occurred over time. The study contributes to a broader understanding of the sociopolitical aspects and material implications of the history of psychiatry and of patients with psychiatric disorders, which have historically been neglected in Chile.

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