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What Counts as Care? Humanitarian Impasses in a Zone of Occupation

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This paper draws on long-term ethnographic fieldwork with mental health-based humanitarian NGOs in Indian-occupied Kashmir. It shows how while international NGOs try to enact humane, nonpathologizing and non-pharmaceutical forms of care in Kashmir, these efforts are compromised by pressures from donors to demonstrate the efficacy and impact of their work.

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