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Over the last three decades, Asian medicine has become a central feature in most contemporary societies. This series explores the local fabric and global aspirations of these modes of healing.

We seek to bring attention to two decisive phenomena in these processes. The first concerns the relations between Asian medicine and biomedical science and objects. Braided concepts and tools, new understandings of the body, technological patterns of drugs' production, revised regulatory schemes and policy making manifest and reinforce the transformations of Asian Medicine. In these situations, Asian therapies may also be blended among themselves or associated to other non-biomedical practices. The second phenomenon deals with the global and its scales, whether Asian Medicine is located in Asia or elsewhere. Macro dynamics and local forms of globalization impact practice and production on both social and therapeutic planes. This dual approach mingling medical encounters and globalization scales is embedded into politics of healing, such as modes of governance and regulation or the rise of nationalisms that take place within or without processes of therapeutic transnationalism.

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