

The Centre for Research and Expertise in Social Gerontology (CREGÉS)'s Satellite Office at McGill School of Social Work presents:

“WILD ANIMAL” - AN ETHNOGRAPHY ABOUT OLDER INDIVIDUALS AND CHRONIC ILLNESSES IN A BRAZILIAN SHANTYTOWN

By **Soraya Fleischer**
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MAY 17, 2016 | 12 pm - 1 pm

McGill University | Wendy Patrick Room | 1st floor | Wilson Hall
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Soraya Fleischer is a medical anthropologist and professor at the anthropology department of the University of Brasilia (UnB). She just completed fieldwork, lasting several years, about older people in a poor city at the outskirts of Brasilia.

This conference consists of a short documentary (30 minutes, with English subtitles) that tells with lots of empathy and humor, the stories of some older people living in the poor city of Ceilândia (near Brasilia) and the way these individuals integrate, negotiate with, and contest chronic illness (esp. diabetes and hypertension) in their everyday life. Fleischer documents how chronic illness - the “wild animal” - is an important part of everyday life of this population and not always in line with public health recommendations. The film is followed by a talk that will give insights into the lives of a rarely studied group of older people and initiate a discussion on the management of chronic illness for those who have less resources.

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