Why we feel we owe our parents for their sacrifices: A workshop on filial debt

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Do you feel like you owe your parents for their sacrifices? How does this sense of debt—and the gratitude that it requires—shape your experiences and choices? This workshop will discuss the concept of filial debt, where it comes from, and how it shapes relationships in immigrant families. We will explore how it feels to be a person in the shadow of all-consuming debt to one’s parents. Participants will gain tools for understanding their own family dynamics, reflect on how to navigate them, and perhaps find new strategies of finding agency and selfhood.

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