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Below are some recent issues that might be of interest:

In the [Journal of Ethnobiology and Ethnomedicine](#), Andrea Pieroni and Maria Elena Giusti conducted a medical ethnobotanical study of the Occitan communities in Italy, titled "[Alpine ethnobotany in Italy: traditional knowledge of gastronomic and medicinal plants among the Occitans of the upper Varaita valley, Piedmont](#)".

Istav Praet examines shamanic-curing-as-metamorphosis in Northern Ecuador in the [Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute](#) in an article titled "[Shamanism and ritual in South America: an inquiry into Amerindian shape-shifting](#)".

In [Cultural Anthropology](#), [Julie Livingston](#) looks to Botswana's middle and aspirational classes in order to examine the conceptualization of risk, investment, and self-determination. She concludes her essay by examining these concepts within the contexts of a cancer ward. Jean M. Langford analyzes the reciprocity between the living and the dead in "[Gifts Intercepted: Biopolitics and Spirit Debt](#)".

In this month's issue of the [International Journal of Social Psychiatry](#), we find many pertinent studies of mental health, including its relationship with [migrants in non-Western contexts](#) and [social networks](#) in inpatient and day care settings.

Among many relevant articles, [Rhona O'Connell and Soo Downe](#) conducted a metasynthesis of midwifery and [Hans Hadders](#) examines the interplay between perceptions of death and life sustaining medical technologies in this month's issue of [Health](#).

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