

Globalization and Health Inequalities (CULT 368/568)

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On Tuesdays, the videos of the asynchronous 2 lectures will be uploaded by 15.00
On Thursdays 10.40-11.30, we will have our synchronous session, where attendance is a must! I expect you to finish watching the videos by Th

In the era of the COVID-19, the cultural conceptions of health and illness have changed drastically throughout the whole world, and a new awareness emerged on the global and local health inequalities. In this framework, this course introduces recent theoretical perspectives and ethnographic work which explore how the political and medical authorities, as well as the lay people, give meaning to and discuss the effects of globalization and global encounters on health inequalities, and how the global and local health policies address these inequalities. It covers such topics as the role of global health institutions in addressing the health inequalities, tensions between states' priorities and global impositions in defining and applying health policies, competition between biomedicine and alternative medical systems, local interpretations of global medical technologies and local conceptualizations of global epidemics. The course also includes nuanced approaches to the global and local ethical issues around the body, gender, life, illness, birth, death and pharmaceutical industry.

Grading:

For the undergraduate, except for the Cultural Studies BA students, who take this class as CULT 368:

Attendance and active participation on Thursdays: 10%

Midterm Exam: 30%

Quizzes: 20% (Quizzes' time will not be announced beforehand, and they will take place on two Thursdays)

Final Exam: 40% (The final will cover all the topics of the semester)

For the Ph.D., M.A and Cultural Studies students, who take this class as CULT 568:

Attendance and active participation: 20%

Leading one of the Thursday sessions: 30%

Final paper: 50 %

Codes of conduct in the class: Plagiarism in the sense that using other sources without proper referencing and copying from another friend, is strictly forbidden, and will be punished that the student will receive 0 from the plagiarized assignment. Turnitin and other relevant sources will be used for that purpose. During the discussions, the students who make generalized, stereotypical and discriminatory comments will be warned, as these comments will prevent the formation of a democratic discussion platform, which is a must for the classes and students' personal development.

Students who fail to show up for the exams indicated in the Syllabus without a valid excuse and not taking the make-up examinations for such exams will receive N/A as their final grade.

Your webcam must always be on during exams-if not, your exams will be void. You must connect to the Zoom link for the course with your official Sabancı University e-mail account, and not utilize other email accounts

February 23-25. Introduction

March 2-4. Global Patterns before Globalization: Colonialism and Imperialism

“Intervention Pathologies”, “Vitality of the State”. **Ungovernable Life: Mandatory Medicine and Statecraft in Iraq**, Omar Dewachi, pg. 9-63. Stanford University Press, 2017

“Introduction”, “Medicine, Enlightenment and Islam”. **Quest of Justice: Islamic Law and Forensic Medicine in Modern Egypt**, Khaled Fahmy, pg. 1- 80. University of California Press, 2018

March 9-11. Medical Professions and Health Inequalities

“Doctors without Empires”. **Ungovernable Life: Mandatory Medicine and Statecraft in Iraq**, Omar Dewachi, pg. 65-81. Stanford University Press, 2017

“The Desirable”, **New Organs within Us: Transplants and the Moral Economy**, Aslihan Sanal, pg. 15-110. Duke University Press, 2011

March 16-18. Pandemics: Old and New

“Ebola and Accusation Gender and Stigma in Sierra Leone’s Ebola Response”, Olive Melissa Minor, **Anthropology in Action**, vol: 24(2), pg. 25-25, 2017

“What Went Wrong: Corona and the World after the Full Stop”, Carlo Caduff, **Medical Anthropology Quarterly**, vol: 34 (4), pg. 467-487, 2020

March 23-March 25. Chronic Diseases and Inequalities

“Creating and Embedding Cancer in Botswana’s Oncology Ward”. **Improvising Medicine: An African Oncology Ward in an Emerging Cancer Epidemic**, Julie Livingstone, pg. 52-84, Duke University Press, 2011

“On the Possibility of a Disabled Life in Capitalist Ruins: Black Workers with Sickle Cell Disorder in England”, Simon M. Dyson et. Al, **Social Science&Medicine**, vol: 272, 2021

March 30-April 1. Mental Health

“Why and how Inequality Matters”, Jane D. McLeod, **Journal of Health and Social Behaviour**, vol: 56 (2), pg. 149-165, 2015

“Experiments in Scale: Humanitarian Psychiatry in Post-Disaster Turkey”, Christopher T. Dole, **Medical Anthropology**, pg.398-412, 2020

April 6-8. Midterm Week

April 13-15. Big Pharma: Drug Industry and Inequalities

“Pharmaceutical Governance”, Joao Biehl. **Global Pharmaceuticals: Ethics, Markets, Practices**, Adriana Petryna, Andrew Lakoff & Arthur Kleinman (eds), pg: 206-239, Duke University Press, 2006

“Hydroxychloroquine Controversies: Clinical Trials, Epistemology, and the Democratization of Science”, Luc Berlivet&Ilana Löwy, **Medical Anthropology Quarterly**, vol: 34 (4), pg. 525-541, 2020

April 20-22. Refugee Health

“Refugee Health and Rehabilitation: Challenges and Response”, Fary Khan & Bhasker Amatya, **Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine**, vol: 49, pg: 378-384, 2017

“Access to Health Services for Migrants in Turkey”, Faize Deniz Mardin & Nuray Özgülner, **European Journal of Public Health**, vol 26(1), 2016

April 27-29. Inequalities in Birth and Death

“Childbirth in Santiago de Chile: Stratification, Intervention, and Child Centeredness”, Marjorie Murray, **Medical Anthropology Quarterly**, vol: 26 (3), pg. 319-337, 2012

“The Culling: Pandemic, Genocide, Generational Effect”, Lawrence Cohen, Carlo Caduff, **Medical Anthropology Quarterly**, vol: 34 (4), pg. 542-560, 2020

May 4-6. Public Health and Humanitarianism

“An Apple a Day”. **The Healing of America: A Global Quest for Better, Cheaper, and Fairer Health Care**, T.R. Reid, pg. 186-204, Penguin Books, 2009

“Governing Ebola: Between Global Health and Medical Humanitarianism”, Sophie Harman & Clare Wenham, **Globalizations**, vol: 15(3), pg. 362-376, 2018

May 11-18. Spring Break. Enjoy!

May 18-20. Ethics and Inequalities

“Rethinking Medical Ethics: A View From Below”, Paul Farmer, **Developing World: Bioethics**, vol: 4 (1), pg. 17-41, 2004

“Bioethics, Human Rights and Childbirth”, Joanna N. Erdman, **Health and Human Rights Journal**, vol: 17 (1), pg. 43-51, 2015