**Globalization and Health Inequalities (CULT 368/568)**

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**Monday: 15.40-17.30 (Hybrid-FASS 1076-1078), Friday 9.40-10.30:Online**

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: 10%  
Midterm Exam: 30%  
Quizzes: 20% (Quizzes’ time **will not be announced** beforehand)  
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: 10% Leading one of the Friday discussion sessions: 30% Final paper: 60 %

**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.

**February 28. Introduction  
March 7-11. 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 14-18. 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**, Aslıhan Sanal, pg. 15-110. Duke University Press, 2011

**March 21-25. 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 28-April 1. Chronic Diseases and Inequalities**

“Concealing Cancer”. **Enduring Cancer:Life, Death and Diagnosis in Delhi**, Dwaipayan Banerjee, pg. 35-65, Duke University Press, 2020

“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

**April 4-8:Midterm week**

**April 11-April 15. 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 18-22. 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 25-29. Refugee Health**

“ ‘Life is Tight Here’: Displacement and Desire Amongst Syrian Women in Jordan”, Morgen A. Chalmiers, **Anthropology of the Middle East**, vol: 16(1), pg. 49-69, 2021

“Connection, Contagion, and COVID-19”, Lisa J. Hardy, **Medical Anthropology**, vol 39(8), pg.655-659, 2020

**May 2-6. Ramadan Holiday/Spring Break. Enjoy ☺**

**May 9-13. 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, Gerocide, Generational Effect”, Lawrence Cohen, Carlo Caduff, **Medical Anthropology Quarterly**, vol: 34 (4), pg. 542-560, 2020

**May 16: Public Health and Humanitarianism**

“How COVID-19 Reveals Structures of Vulnerability”, Victoria Team&Lenore Manderson, **Medical Anthropology,** vol 39(8), pg, 671-674,2020

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

**May 23- 27, May 30-June 3: Ethics and Inequalities**

A Moment of Crisis”, “A Sociologist Walks into a Pandemic”, “Bringing Medical Sociology into the 21st Century”, **The Biomedical Empire: Lessons Learned from the COVID-19 Pandemic**, Barbara Katz Rothman, pg. 1-32, Stanford University Press, 2021

“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

**June 6-June 10: Patients’ Activisms**

“Pozitively Me: HIV Support Groups, Culture and Individualism in Toronto”, David A.B. Murray, **Medical Anthropology**, vol: 39(8), pg. 689-703, 2020

“Plastic Flowers”, **The Premonition: A Pandemic Story**, Michael Lewis, pg.270-296, Norton&Company, 2021