Princeton University
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HEALTH AND THE SOCIAL MARKERS OF DIFFERENCE
GHP 403 / ANT 383

Thursdays 7:30-10:20 PM
Robertson Hall 005

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Course Support: João Biehl (Princeton)

Course Description:

This course will examine the role of social markers of difference including race, class, nationality, gender, sexuality, age and religion in current debates and challenges in the theory and practice of global health. We will explore contemporary illness experiences and therapeutic interventions in sociocultural and historical context through case studies from the US, Brazil, and South Africa. Students will be introduced to key concepts such as embodiment, medicalization, structural violence, the social determinants of health, and biopolitics. Central questions of the seminar include: How do social categories of difference determine disease and health in individuals and collectivities? How is medical science influenced by economic and political institutions and by patient mobilization? How does social and economic inclusion/exclusion govern access to treatment as well as care of the self and others?

The course will provide advanced instruction in anthropological and related social scientific research methods as they apply to questions of social inequality and public health policy in both the United States and in emerging economic powers. The course draws from historical accounts, contemporary ethnographies, public health literature, media reports, and films.

Requirements/Grading

The success of the course depends on your commitment to complete all required readings for each session, to critically reflect on the readings, to participate actively in all discussions, and to creatively integrate the insights we generate together into your written work and independent research.

• Attendance and class participation: 15%.
• Weekly reading responses: 20%. Your reports should bring the readings for each week into conversation with each other, synthesizing key themes and insights and raising critical questions for in-class discussion. Post your reports to the
course’s Blackboard discussion forum by each Thursday at noon, and read each other’s posts before class. **Reports should not exceed 500 words or one single-spaced page in length. Please adhere to this restriction.** No report is due for the first session on Sept. 12th or on November 7th (when your midterm essay is due).

- **Midterm essay (6-8 pages): 25%**. Write a **book review** of an ethnography that addresses some aspect of health and the social markers of difference. The book must **not** be one of those assigned and discussed in the course. The instructors will provide a list of suggested titles. This assignment is due in class on 11/7.

- **Final research paper (12-15 pages): 40%**. Your final paper will address the interface of health and the social markers of difference at the community, institutional, and/or policy level through a case study explored through significant independent field and/or library research. The final paper is due by 5 PM on Dean’s Date (Tuesday, January 14th).

**Books**

The following books are on reserve at Stokes Library. These books will also be available for purchase at Labyrinth Books (122 Nassau Street). Additional articles and book chapters can be downloaded from Blackboard’s electronic reserve.


**Office Hours**

- Peter Locke: Tuesdays 1:30-3:30 PM 211 Robertson Hall
- USP Visiting Faculty: By Appointment 304 Robertson Hall
Week 1 (Thurs 9/12)
Introduction:
The Social Markers of Difference

Instructor: Lilia Moritz Schwarcz, Professor of Anthropology, University of São Paulo


Week 2 (Thurs 9/19)
Race and Disease in Historical Perspective

Instructor: Lilia Moritz Schwarcz, Professor of Anthropology, University of São Paulo


Week 3 (Thurs 9/26)
Medical Anthropology and the Social Body

Instructor: Peter Locke, Lecturer, Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University


Week 4 (Thurs 10/3)
The Politics and Embodiment of Race and Gender

Instructors:  Laura Moutinho, Professor of Anthropology, University of São Paulo
        Peter Locke, Lecturer, Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University

- Film: Forgiveness (South Africa, 2004), by Ian Gabriel.

Further Reading

- Film: Sea Points Days (South Africa, 2009), by François Verster.
Week 5 (Thurs 10/10)
A Case for Critical Ethnography: HIV/AIDS in South Africa

Instructors: Didier Fassin, James D. Wolfensohn Professor, Institute for Advanced Study
Peter Locke, Lecturer, Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University


Week 6 (Thurs 10/17)
Sexuality and Health

Instructors: Laura Moutinho, Professor of Anthropology, University of São Paulo
Peter Locke, Lecturer, Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University

- Film: *Santiago* (Brazil, 2004), by João Moreira Salles.

Further Reading

Week 7 (Thurs 10/24)

Beauty, Sex, and Medicine

Instructor: Peter Locke, Lecturer, Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University


***Fall Recess: 10/26—11/3***

Week 8 (Thurs 11/7)

Transgender Health

Midterm Essay due; no reading report due

Instructors: Laura Moutinho, Professor of Anthropology, University of São Paulo
Peter Locke, Lecturer, Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University

- Film: *Amanda e Monick* (Brazil, 2008), by André da Costa Pinto.

Further Reading

Week 9 (Thurs 11/14)
The Logic of Care and Choice

Instructor: Peter Locke, Lecturer, Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University


Week 10 (Thurs 11/21)
Care and the Clinic: Health and Difference from the Patient’s Perspective

Instructor: José Ricardo Ayres, Professor of Preventative Medicine, University of São Paulo


***Thanksgiving Recess 11/27—12/1***
Week 11 (Thurs 12/5)
Addiction and Difference

Instructor: Peter Locke, Lecturer, Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University


Week 12 (Thurs 12/12)
Communicative Health Rights and the Social Determinants of Health

Instructors: João Biehl, Professor of Anthropology, Princeton University
Peter Locke, Lecturer, Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University
Laura Moutinho, Professor of Anthropology, University of São Paulo