

Course SOC 223: Medical Sociology

1. Body, Medicine and Society. Theoretical Perspectives:
 - a) The Cultural Construction of Medical Reality
 - b) Governing Bodies and Bio Power
2. Narrating Health and Illness:
 - a) Illness Narratives
 - b) Care and Interpersonal Relations
3. Culture and Medical Practice:
 - a) Medical Taxonomies
 - b) The Normal and Pathological
4. The State and Medicine:
 - a) Epidemics and Immunization
 - b) Pharmaceutical Practices

Suggested Readings:

(The final list of readings will be distributed by the course instructor in the first week of the semester)

1. Kleinman, A. 1981. *Patients and Healers in the Context of Culture: An Exploration of the Borderland between Anthropology and Medicine*. Berkely: University of California Press.
2. Good, B. 1994. *Medicine, Rationality, and Experience: An Anthropological Perspective*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
3. Das, J. and J. Hammer 2004. "Strained Mercy: Quality of Medical Care in Delhi." *EPW* 39 (9). (951-61).
4. Das, V. 2015. *Affliction. Health, Disease, Poverty*. New York: Fordham University Press.
5. Mattingly, C. and L. C. Garro. (eds.). 2001. *Narrative and the Cultural Construction of Illness and Healing*. Berkely: University of California Press. (Selected chapters).
6. Desjarlais, R. 1995. "Struggling Along: The Possibilities for Experience among the Homeless Mentally Ill." *American Anthropologist* 96. (886-901).
7. Chatterji, R. 1998. "An Ethnography of Dementia. A Case Study of an Alzheimers' Disease Patient in the Netherlands." *Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry* 22. (355-382).
8. Cohen, L. 2000. *No Aging in India. Alzheimers', the Bad Family and Other Modern Things*. Delhi, Oxford University Press.

9. Adlakha, R. 2008. *Deconstructing Mental Illness. An Ethnography of Psychiatry, Women and Family*. Delhi: Zubaan.
10. Ghosh, I. and L. Coutinho. 2000. "Normalcy and Crisis in the Time of Cholera. An Ethnography of Cholera in Calcutta." *EPW* 35(8/9). (625-632).
11. Das, V. and A. Dasgupta. 2000. "Scientific and Political Representations. The Cholera Vaccine in India." *EPW* 35 (8/9). (684-696).
12. Mol, A. 2002. *The Body Multiple: Ontology of Medical Practice*. Durham: Duke University Press.
13. Ecks S. and S. Basu. 2009. 'The Unlicensed Lives of Antidepressants in India: Generic Drugs, Unqualified Practitioners, and Floating Prescriptions', *Transcultural Psychiatry* 46: 86-106.
14. Bode, M. 2008. *Taking Traditional Knowledge to the Market: The Modern Image of the Ayurvedic and Unani Industry, 1980-2000*. Delhi: Orient Blackswan.
15. Arnold, D. 1993. *Colonizing the Body: State, Medicine and Epidemic in 19th century India*. Berkeley: University of California Press.
16. Ashforth, A. 2004. "AIDS and Witchcraft in Post-Apartheid South Africa." In Veena Das and Deborah Poole eds. 2004 *Anthropology at the Margins of the State*. Delhi: Oxford University Press.
17. Fassin, D. 2007. *When Bodies Remember: Experiences and Politics of AIDS in South Africa*. Berkeley: University of California Press.
18. Delaporte, F. (ed.) 1994. *Georges Canguilhem. A Vital Rationalist*. New York: Zone Books (Part 5, Chapters XIV, XV).
19. Burchell, G., C. Gordon and P. Miller (eds.) 1991. *The Foucault Effect. Studies in Governmentality*. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press (Chapters 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 14).
20. Rhodes, L. A. 2000. "Taxonomic Anxieties: Axis I and Axis II in Prison." *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 14(3). (346-373).
21. Chatterji, R., S. Chattoo and V. Das. 1998. "The Death of the Clinic? Normality and Pathology in Aging Bodies." In M. Shildrick and J. Price (eds.). *Vital Signs: Reconfigurations of the Bio/logic Body*. University of Edinburgh Press. (171-196).
22. Foucault, M. 1994. *Ethics: Subjectivity and Truth. Essential Works of Foucault. 1954-1984 Vol. I* London: Penguin Books. (39-57).
23. Foucault, M. 1994. *Power. Essential Works of Foucault 1954-1984 (1954-1984)*.
24. Chatterji, R. 2006. "Normality and Difference: Institutional Classification and the Constitution of Subjectivity in a Dutch Nursing Home." In A. Leibing and L. Cohen eds. *Thinking about Dementia. Culture, Loss and the Anthropology of Senility*. New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press. (218-239).

25. Petryna, A. 2011. "Pharmaceuticals and the Right to Health: Reclaiming Patients and the Evidence Base of New Drugs." *Anthropological Quarterly* 84(2). (305-330).
26. Sunder Rajan, K. (ed.) 2012. *Lively Capital. Biotechnologies, Ethics and Governance in Global Markets*. Durham: Duke University Press (Selected chapters).