

Medicine and Health Care in East Asia

Section 1

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【Course Outline / Description】

In this course students are invited to think about one of the more serious issues affecting contemporary East Asian societies: the provision of health care for an ageing population. Grounded in a sociological view point, the first part of the module provides a general and succinct review of concepts and theories that have been used to explain medicine and health care-related issues in society. The second part of the course explores how the constructs of social class, gender, race and ethnicity can help understand the provision of health care in East Asia, where the economic and social impact of an ageing population is becoming increasingly apparent. The last part of the course draws on mental health-related issues to shed some critical light on how depression, dementia, schizophrenia and anxiety disorders affect East Asian societies and enlarge social inequality among ageing populations.

Section 2

【Course Objectives/Goals/Learning Outcomes】

1. To demonstrate that medical knowledge is not disinterested, objective, scientific knowledge.
2. To show that medical knowledge is both shaped by and shapes the social structures within which it is embedded.
3. To introduce the principles of the sociology of health.
4. To examine the social and political climate that shapes the understanding of the causes of health and disease.
5. To review Marxist, Functionalist, Interactionist, Phenomenologist, Feminist and Foucauldian approaches to health.
6. To examine the impact of ethnicity, gender, social class, stigma, and age on health and illness.

Section 3

【Class Schedule/Class Environment, Literature and Materials】

Lesson 1	Introduction	Syllabus reading
Lesson 2	Health and disease in Japan a personal view	Essay writing
Lesson 3	Concepts of health and medicine (1)	Calnan, M., Wainwright, D., O' Neill, Witherbottom, A. and Watkins, C. (2007) Illness action rediscovered: a case study of upper limb pain. <i>Sociology of Health and Illness</i> 29 (3): 321-46
Lesson 4	Concepts of health and medicine (2)	Submission of mindmap 1
Lesson 5	Medical power and knowledge (1)	Castro-Vázquez, G. and Tarui, M. (2007) A service or a right: Informed consent for HIV-positive Latin American men in Japan. <i>Anthropology & Medicine</i> 14 (2): 197-212
Lesson 6	Medical power and knowledge (2)	Submission of mindmap 2
Lesson 7	Medical power and knowledge (3)	Eyre, R. (2018) The Children

Lesson 8	Medical power and knowledge (4)	Submission of mindmap 3
Lesson 9	Challenging medical dominance (1) Chinese Medicine and Kambo: A Review from the Distant Past for the Future. The Journal of International Medical Research 34 (3): 231 – 239	Yu, F. et al. (2006)
Lesson 10	Challenging medical dominance (1)	Submission of mindmap 4
Lesson 11	Sociological research on health matters (1a) and Tarui, M (2006) ‘I am not a guinea pig’ : Quality of Life and methodological issues in the research with Latin American PLWHA men in Japan. International journal of qualitative studies on health and well-being - QHW 1 (2): 78–90.	Castro-Vázquez, G.
Lesson 12	Sociological research on health matters (1b)	Submission of mindmap 5
Lesson 13	Sociological research on health matters (2a) Das Experiment.	Hirshbiegel, O. (2001)
Lesson 14	Sociological research on health matters (2b)	Submission of mindmap 6
Lesson 15	Quiz 1 Answering quiz	
Lesson 16	Quiz 1 Review Reviewing quiz	
Lesson 17	Health, ethnicity and race (1) Incidence, Mortality, and Associated Risk Factors Among Asian Americans of Chinese, Filipino, Vietnamese, Korean, and Japanese Ethnicities. CA Cancer J Clin 57:190–205	McCracken, M. et al. (2007)
Lesson 18	Health, ethnicity and race (2)	Submission of mindmap 7
Lesson 19	Gender and health (1) Medical Circumcision in Contemporary Japan. Culture, Health & Sexuality 15 (2): 101-113.	Castro-Vázquez, G. (2013)
Lesson 20	Gender and health (2)	Submission of mindmap 8
Lesson 21	Mental health (1a) communities of Japanese-Brazilians: A comparative study in Japan and in Brazil Psychiatry and Clinical Neurosciences 56: 55–64	Miyakasa, L. et al. (2002)
Lesson 22	Mental health (1b)	Submission of mindmap 9
Lesson 23	Mental health (2a)	Mangold, J. (1999) Girl, Interrupted.
Lesson 24	Mental health (2b)	Submission of mindmap 10
Lesson 25	Health, chronic illness and disability (1a) Disability in Urban Japan. Japanese Studies 27 (3): 263-278	Stevens, C. (2007)

Lesson 26	Health, chronic illness and disability (1b)	Submission of mindmap	11
Lesson 27	Health, chronic illness and disability (2a)	Akune, T. (2014) Hana chan's miso soup	
Lesson 28	Health, chronic illness and disability (2b)	Submission of mindmap	12
Lesson 29	Quiz 2	Answering quiz 2	
Lesson 30	Quiz 2 Review	Reviewing quiz 2	

【Textbooks/Reading Materials】

Compulsory readings are available to download at the Blackboard

Section 4

【Learning Assessments/Grading Rubric】

Final Exam 10%

Quizzes or Midterm Exam 10%

Mindmaps 40%

Class Participation 40%