

Anthropology in and of Global Health

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Brief course description

This course will offer an introduction to medical anthropology and an overview of anthropology both in and of global health. Cross-cultural studies of health and illness and the sociology of science and technology will be used to review the development of medical anthropology, the tensions between "applied" and "critical" medical anthropology, and the shift towards an anthropology of biomedicine. Specific case studies will be used to explore contemporary theoretical frameworks, methodological innovations, and the application of anthropology in global health. The use of critical anthropological studies of global health to improving understanding and health impacts will also be examined.