

Course title:

Course title: Medical Anthropology	Credit value: 2
Neptun code: BTP2NPR E2001	
Method of assessment (<i>colloquium / practical grade / assignment / other</i>): essay	

Course description:

The course aims to give an introductory overview of medical anthropology and its main focuses. It highlights the milestones of its development within anthropology and medicine and sheds light on the perspective of its future as well. Supports the recognition of the cultural embeddedness of health, which enables students to elaborate a complex perspective of health and illness and the social connotations and significance of the phenomena.

Lesson topics:

- 1) Anthropology in the clinic – why, where, how?**
- 2) Plural medical realities**
- 3) Medicalisation, demedicalisation: the question of the normal**
- 4) Body, soul and self**
- 5) Neuroanthropology**
- 6) Health inequalities and structural violence**

List of *primary literature* and *recommended* readings (notes, textbooks) with bibliographic data (author, title, publication details, (pages if applicable), ISBN)

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4. Kleinman, A. 1997. What is specific to biomedicine. In *Writing at the margin: Discourse between Anthropology and medicine*, University of California Press, pp.21-40
5. Lock, MM – Nguyen, V-K. 2011 „How normal became possible” „Pathologising the normal”. In *An Anthropology of Biomedicine*. John Wiley & Sons. pp. 43-53
6. Benedict, R. 1934. Anthropology and the Abnormal. *The Journal of General Psychology* Volume 10, 1934 - Issue 1

7. Good, BJ. 2008. How medicine constructs its objects. In *Medicine, Rationality and Experience. An Anthropological perspective*. Cambridge UP. pp.65-87.
8. Fadiman, Anne. 1997. Chapters 1, 3, & 18. In *The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down*. New York: Farrar, Straus, and Giroux, pp. 3-11, 20-31 & 263-277
9. Mol, A. 2002. "Doing Disease" In *The body multiple. Ontology in medical practice*, Duke University Press, pp. 1-29 (only the upper part of the pages: the ethnography)
10. Lende, DH and Downey, G (eds) 2012. *The Encultured Brain. An Introduction to Neuroanthropology*. MIT Press. pp.23-51.
11. Farmer, P. 2003. Ch. 1. On Suffering and Structural Violence. In *Pathologies of Power: Health, Human Rights and the New War on the Poor*. Berkeley: University of California Press. pp. 29-50.
12. Nguyen and Peschard. 2003. "Anthropology, Inequality, and Disease" *Annual Review of Anthropology* Vol. 32, pp. 447-474. Focus on: 447-452
13. Philippe Bourgois, Seth M. Holmes, Kim Sue, Structural Vulnerability: Operationalizing the Concept to Address Health Disparities in Clinical Care. *Acad Med*. 2017 Mar; 92(3): 299–307.