Course: Sociology of Medicine

2 credits, elective, BA level

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Taught: 2010

Course description
This course offers theoretical and conceptual background for understanding the sociological and anthropological study of medicine. It will also include normative analysis of bioethical stances in the context of using novel medical technologies which challenge existing socio-cultural definitions. To illustrate these issues we will focus on two examples: genetic testing and advance directives for end-of-life medical care.

Course requirements: 2 written assignments (2x10%), test (80%)

Course contents and readings:

Theoretical background


Intro to Bioethics and lay moralities of medical issues

Disability Studies

The Socio-ethical Model

The Fetus, Embryo and Pre-Embryo

Genetic testing of Adults


Advance Directives for End-of-Life Care