Department of Sociology & Anthropology, BGU

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
Nye, Robert (2003) 'The Evolution of the Concept of Medicalization in the Late Twentieth Century.' *Journal of History of the Behavioral Sciences*, 39(2), 115–129.
Conrad. Peter. 1975. "The discovery of hyperkinesis: Notes on the medicalization of deviant behavior." *Social Problems* 23: 12-21.

Intro to Bioethics and lay moralities of medical issues
Benjamin H. Levi. Four Approaches to Doing Ethics. *The Journal of Medicine and Philosophy* 21: 7-39, 1996
Shalev, C. (2003). *Health, Law and Human Rights*. Ramot publications.

Disability Studies
RAY McDERMOTT and HERVÉ VARENNE, 1995,"Culture as Disability" *Anthropology and Education Quarterly* 26:323-348, 1995. Available online: http://serendip.brynmawr.edu/sci_cult/culturedisability.html

The Socio-ethical Model
Haimes, E. 2002. "What Can The Social Sciences Contribute to The Study of Ethics? Theoretical, Empirical and Substantive Considerations," *Bioethics* 16(2): 89-95
Raz, A. & S. Schicktanz (2009). "Diversity and Uniformity in Genetic Responsibility: Moral Attitudes of Patients, Relatives and Lay People in Germany and Israel." *Medicine, Healthcare and Philosophy*, 12(4): 433-442.

The Fetus, Embryo and Pre-Embryo
Levi-Lahad, E. (2010). PGD in Israel.
http://bioethics.academy.ac.il/hebrew/report3/s2/s2_2-3.pdf
Remennick, Larissa (2006). 'The quest after the perfect baby: why do Israeli women seek prenatal genetic testing?' *Sociology of Health and Illness*, 28(1): 21–53.

Leach-Scully, J., T. Shakespeare, & S. Banks (2006). "Gift not commodity? Lay people deliberating social sex selection" *Sociology of Health & Illness* 28, 6, 749–767

Genetic testing of Adults

Erez A, Plunkett K, Sutton VR, McGuire AL. 2010. The right to ignore genetic status of late onset genetic disease in the genomic era; prenatal testing for Huntington disease as a paradigm. *Am J Med Genet Part A* 152A:1774–1780.

Raz, Aviad. (2005). *The Gene and the Genie: Tradition, Medicalization, and Genetic Counseling in a Bedouin Community*, Ethnographic Studies in Medical Anthropology Series. Durham, NC: Carolina Academic Press. Or: Raz, A. (2010). Chapter 4 in his book *Community Genetics and Genetic Alliances*. Routledge.

Raz, Aviad and Vizner, Yafa (2008). 'Carrier matching and collective socialization in community genetics: Dor Yesharim and the reinforcement of stigma', *Social Science & Medicine* 67(9): 1361–9. Or: Raz, A. (2010). Chapter 2 in his book *Community Genetics and Genetic Alliances*. Routledge.

Advance Directives for End-of-Life Care

The new terminally ill patient law:
http://www.health.gov.il/pages/default.asp?pageid=3732&parentid=10&catid=6&maincat=1
Shalev, C. (2010). RECLAIMING THE PATIENT'S VOICE AND SPIRIT IN DYING: AN INSIGHT FROM ISRAEL. *Bioethics* 33-44