

Class Title: Medical Anthropology: An Evolutionary Approach

Class Time: 9-12 AM, Wednesdays, Spring Semester, 2017.

Classroom: C303, College of Humanities & Social Sciences.

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Course Requirements:

This class provides a general survey of medical anthropology as the most dynamic subfield in the discipline of anthropology today. Issues such as environment, biological evolution, nutrition, population, reproduction, and globalization, and their impacts on human health and disease prevalence will be addressed throughout the semester. Class attendance is required. Students should read the weekly assigned readings before class times and participate in class discussions based on reading material. A mid-term report is due based on one of the two ethnographies. The final report is based on the students' personal research orientations and their interface with the course contents.

Required Texts:

Main Text: Ann McElroy and Patricia K. Townsend eds. *Medical Anthropology in Ecological Perspective* (2015, Westview Press, 6th Edition).

Ethnographies:

Arthur Kleinman, *Patients and Healers in the Context of Culture: A Exploration of the Borderland between Anthropology, Medicine, and Psychiatry*. (1980). Berkeley, Los Angeles, and London: University of California Press.

劉紹華：《我的涼山兄弟》。

Weekly Schedule and Assignments:

Week 1 (Feb. 15): Class Introduction and Assignments.

Read: Kleinman, Chapter 1.

Week 2 (Feb. 22): Health and Disease in Environmental Contexts.

Read: McElroy and Townsend, Chapter 1.

Kleinman, Chapter 2.

Week 3 (March 1): Research Methods in Medical Anthropology.

Read: McElroy and Townsend, Chapter 2.

Kleinman, Chapter 3.

Week 4 (March 8): Human Evolution and Health.

Read: McElroy and Townsend, Chapter 3.
Klienman, Chapter 4.

Week 5 (March 15): Health and Disease in Prehistory.
Read: McElroy and Townsend, Chapter 4.
Kleinman, Chapter 5.

Week 6 (March 22): Demographic Factors in Health Studies.
Read: McElroy and Townsend, Chapter. 6.
Klienman, Chapter 6.

Week 7 (March 29): Human Reproduction and Health.
Read: McElroy and Townsend, Chapter. 7.
Klienman, Chapter 7.

Week 8 (April 5): 校際活動周放假

Week 9 (April 12): Human Nutrition and Health.
Read: McElroy and Townsend, Chapter 8.
Klienman, Chapter 8.

Week 10 (April 19): Commercial Agriculture and Health.
Read: McElroy and Townsend, Chapter 9.
Klienman, Chapter 9.

Week 11 (April 26): Mental Health in Modern Times.
Read: McElroy and Townsend, Chapter 10.
Turn in Kleinman Book Report.

Week 12 (May 3): Health and Disease Prevalence among Marginal Peoples.
Read: McElroy and Townsend, Chapter 11.

Week 13 (May 10): Emerging Diseases.
Read: McElroy and Townsend, Chapter 5.

Week 14 (May 17): Health Costs and Disease Prevalence.
Read: McElroy and Townsend, Chapter 12.

Week 15 (May 24): Ethical Issues in Medical Anthropology.
Read: McElroy and Townsend, Chapter 13.

Week 16 (May 31): Medical Anthropology and Public Policy.
Read: McElroy and Townsend, Chapter 14.

Week 17 and 18 (June 7 and 14): Presentation of Semester Reports.