



UniversityHospital Heidelberg

Institute of
Public Health

Public Health Anthropology

June 10 – 21, 2013



Content Overview

The main topics to be covered in this module are:

Introduction to Public Health Anthropology

- Cultural ideas and practices relevant to health and disease, as a key to understanding people's behavior
- Overview of medical systems as cultural systems
- Explanatory models and health seeking behaviour

Research methods in public health anthropology

- Defining a public health anthropology research question and the appropriate methods
- Overview of tools used for data collection
- Preparing and conducting in-depth interview
- Methods and procedures for qualitative data analysis
- Analysing qualitative data

Application of anthropological approaches to public health care provision

Case studies of

- malaria control, HIV/AIDS, community empowerment, chronic and lifestyles diseases and cultural factors in doctor patient interactions in the West

Learning Objectives

At the end of the course the participants should be able to:

- Discuss the concept of public health anthropology and its role in research, policy, and practice in public health
- Recognize the impact of cultural paradigms and practices related to illness and to health care provision in different cultural settings
- Employ an anthropological perspective in identifying problems and finding solutions to public health problems encountered in the field
- Use anthropological methods to identify cultural paradigms and practices related to health and illness
- Critically contextualize and evaluate medical and policy issues in public health from an anthropological perspective

Learning Objectives

- Apply the knowledge and skills acquired in class to develop research questions and define the methodology needed to do public health anthropology research
- Apply public health anthropology tools to collect and analyze data, including the use of software technology Use the analysis of personal skills to develop a consultancy career plan

Learning Methods

Teaching methods will include a combination of lectures, group discussions, and group exercises on concepts, methods and data analysis followed by class presentations as well as case studies to illustrate the practical application of anthropological approaches to public health issues.

Participants will work individually and in groups. Students will be divided in groups of maximum 4 people.

Assessment Procedures

Course participants are expected to attend teaching sessions and participate regularly in discussions and group work.

Assessment of the participants' achievement of the learning objectives will be determined by:

- Group presentation on selected case studies: 40%
- Individual written summary of data analysis: 60%.

Duration / Accreditation

The course covers 10 working days (90 Hours). 30% Lecture time & 70% individual and group exercises.

3 ECTS (tropEd).



Target Group

Public health professionals, project planners and managers, paramedical staff, social scientists, tropEd students, etc.

Prerequisites

Some experience with the writing of evaluation reports is desirable.

The course is held in English. Fluent English (Reading, Speaking and Writing) is required for the course.

Course Fee

General Admittance € 1.500,-
tropEd students € 1.000,-

Unfortunately, the Institute cannot offer any scholarships.

A non-refundable registration fee of € 200 is included in the course fee. The course fee covers coursework, printed materials, coffee breaks and a pass for the Heidelberg public transportation system, but it does not include accommodation, insurance or other personal living costs during the stay.

Registration

Please register as soon as possible as the number of participants is limited. First come, first serve.

Registrations are as such possible as long as seats are still available, but please keep in mind the time you need for travel and visa arrangements.

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