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Special Topics in Medical History and Bioethics:

Health and Citizenship

This seminar explores the relationship between health and citizenship. Among its key themes are the following questions: When did the link between health and human rights first emerge? How has it developed historically? What factors define citizenship? To what extent does physical and mental health constitute a gauge of enfranchisement and of one's access to power in the modern state? In what ways does the de facto absence of citizenship—in cases like those of ethnic minorities, the desperately poor, and colonial subject populations—delimit the possibility of a human right to health? How have structural health inequities historically posed significant threats to global security? Such questions have been central to studies of the political economy of health and disease, anthropology, and area studies, but have been less apparent in historical research. This seminar, limited to fifteen students, offers a key means for integrating these questions into an interdisciplinary approach to global health.

The course will focus primarily on the development of the relationship between health and citizenship in modern Europe beginning with the French Revolution and through the rise of the welfare state before exploring the implications of ideas about health and human rights in a global context.

As a seminar, this course will be based primarily on intensive discussions of readings. Given the course's small size, the success of the course depends directly on your preparedness and willingness to participate in an active discussion on a weekly basis. Your participation therefore counts for forty percent of your grade.

The balance of your grade will be based on written work. Two short papers (2-3 pp. each) written in response to specific readings each account for ten percent of your grade. The final forty percent of your grade is based on an independent and original research paper (~15 pp.). You will be responsible for submitting a topic for approval as well as an initial draft of the paper in advance of the final.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, I urge any student with a disability to inform me as soon as possible, so that I may make any necessary accommodations. All such requests are confidential.

Students are expected to adhere to UW policies on plagiarism and to assume full responsibility for academic integrity for all coursework. Students also may not submit assignments that they have submitted for credit in other courses.

Readings:

The following books are available for purchase at the University Bookstore.

Paul Farmer, *Pathologies of Power: Health, Human Rights, and the New War on the Poor* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2004).

Giorgio Agamben, *Homo Sacer: Sovereign Power and Bare Life*, trans. by Daniel Heller-Roazen (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1998).

Joaõ Biehl, *Vita: Life in a Zone of Social Abandonment* (California: University of California Press, 2005).

Adriana Petryna, *Life Exposed: Biological Citizens after Chernobyl* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2002).

Philippe Bourgois, *Righteous Dopefiend* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2009).

David Arnold, *Colonizing the Body: State Medicine and Epidemic Disease in Nineteenth-Century India* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1993).

Articles and chapters are available electronically at
mywebspace.wisc.edu/rckeller/web/668-f09.

Class schedule:

8 Sept.— Conceptions of health and citizenship: The welfare state in practice

Russell Shorto, "Going Dutch: How I Learned to Love the European Welfare State," *New York Times* (3 May 2009).
<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/05/03/magazine/03european-t.html?emc=eta1>

15 Sept.— Defining health, defining citizenship

Bryan S. Turner, "Outline of a Theory of Citizenship," *Sociology* 24 (1990): 189-217.

Arthur Kleinman, "The Meaning of Symptoms and Disorders," in *The Illness Narratives* (New York: Basic, 1988), 3-30.

Dorothy Porter, "The Social Contract of Health in the Twentieth and Twenty-First Centuries," *Shifting Boundaries of Public Health: Europe in the Twentieth Century*, ed. by Susan Gross Solomon, Lion Murard, and Patrick Zylberman (Rochester, NY: University of Rochester Press, 2008), 45-60.

22 Sept.— Citizenship in practice: the French Revolution and human rights

Michel Foucault, "Right of Death and Power over Life," *The Foucault Reader*, ed. by Paul Rabinow (New York: Pantheon, 1984), 258-72.

Michel Foucault, "The Politics of Health in the Eighteenth Century," *The Foucault Reader*, ed. by Paul Rabinow (New York: Pantheon, 1984), 273-89.

Michel Foucault, "Governmentality," in *Citizenship: Critical Concepts*, ed. by Bryan Turner and Peter Hamilton (New York: Routledge, 1994; 2 vols.), I: 437-51.

First response paper due in class 22 September

29 Sept.—Making healthy citizens? Origins of the welfare state in Europe

Edwin Chadwick, "Report on the Sanitary Condition of the Labouring Population of Great Britain," in *Medicine and Western Civilization*, ed. by David J. Rothman, Steven Marcus, and Stephanie A. Kiceluk (New Brunswick, N.J., 1995), 216-39.

Marjaana Niemi, *Public Health and Municipal Policy-Making: Britain and Sweden, 1900-1940* (London: Ashgate, 2007), 47-59.

Ann-Sofie Ohlander, "The Invisible Child? The Struggle for a Social Democratic Family Policy in Sweden, 1900-1960s," in *Maternity and Gender Policies: Women and the Rise of the European Welfare States, 1880s-1950s*, ed. by Gisela Bock and Pat Thane (New York: Routledge, 1991), 61-72.

Charles Webster, "Medicine and the Welfare State, 1930-1970," in *Companion to Medicine in the Twentieth Century*, ed. by Roger Cooter and John Pickstone (New York: Routledge, 2003), 125-40.

6 Oct.—The "civilizing mission," or, health and citizenship in a colonial context

David Arnold, *Colonizing the Body: State Medicine and Epidemic Disease in Nineteenth-Century India* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1993).

Paper topic due in class 6 October

13 Oct.—A politics of bodies and the state: Eugenics in practice

Dorothy Porter, "Eugenics and the Sterilization Debate in Sweden and Britain before World War II," *Scandinavian Journal of History* 24 (1999): 145-62.

Paul Weindling, "Eugenics and the Welfare State During the Weimar Republic," in *The State and Social Change in Germany, 1880-1980*, ed. by W.R. Lee and Eve Rosenhaft (Providence, R.I.: Berg, 1990), 131-60.

20 Oct.— Experiencing the welfare state

George Orwell, "How the Poor Die," in *Medicine and Western Civilization*, ed. by David J. Rothman, Steven Marcus, and Stephanie A. Kiceluk (New Brunswick, N.J., 1995): 368-75.

Carolyn Steedman, *Landscape for a Good Woman: A Story of Two Lives* (New Brunswick, N.J.: Rutgers University Press, 1994), 99-124.

27 Oct.— Thanatopolitics? Theorizing rights and citizenship after Auschwitz

Giorgio Agamben, *Homo Sacer: Sovereign Power and Bare Life*, trans. by Daniel Heller-Roazen (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1998).

3 Nov.—Human rights goes global: The UN from charter to Alma Ata

"The United Nations Charter" and "United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights," in *The Human Rights Reader*, ed. by Walter Laqueur and Barry Rubin (New York: Penguin, 1990), 195-202.

World Health Organization, *Four Decades of Achievement: Highlights of the Work of the WHO* (Geneva: WHO, 1988).

Paul Greenough, "Intimidation, Coercion and Resistance in the Final Stages of the South Asian Smallpox Eradication Campaign, 1973-1975," *Social Science & Medicine* 41, no. 5 (1995): 633-45.

10 Nov.— Health, development, and the state

Amartya Sen, "More than 100 Million Women are Missing," *New York Review of Books*, 20 December 1990.

<http://ucatlas.ucsc.edu/gender/Sen100M.html>

Emma Tarlo, "Body and Space in a Time of Crisis: Sterilization and Resettlement during the Emergency in Delhi," in *Violence and Subjectivity*, ed. by Veena Das et al. (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2000), 242-70.

Didier Fassin, "Humanitarianism as a Politics of Life," *Public Culture* 19: 3 (2007): 499-520.

Second response paper due in class 10 November

17 Nov.— Health and global citizenship

Paul Farmer, *Pathologies of Power: Health, Human Rights, and the New War on the Poor* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2004).

Paper draft due on Friday 20 November

24 Nov.— Life in a dead language

Joaõ Biehl, *Vita: Life in a Zone of Social Abandonment* (California: University of California Press, 2005).

1 Dec.— Even in Europe: Globalization and the making of biological citizens

Adriana Petryna, *Life Exposed: Biological Citizens after Chernobyl* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2002).

8 Dec.— Even in *America*? Health, citizenship, and marginalization in a postindustrial society

Philippe Bourgois, *Righteous Dopefiend* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2009).

15 Dec.— Immigration, globalization, and biological citizenship

Didier Fassin and Estelle d'Halluin, "Critical Evidence: The Politics of Trauma in French Asylum Policies," *Ethos* 35:3 (2007): 300-329.

Final paper due in my office at noon, Friday 18 December