

# ANTHROPOLOGY AND GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH

**JUNE 2022 – JULY 2022**

Many health-related professions can be usefully informed by the contributions of anthropology. Medical anthropology in particular highlights the importance and influence of cultural, social, and structural factors in health and illness. The field embraces micro-perspectives relevant to health practice (patient explanatory models, structural competence, bio-cultural and intersectional identities in gender, race, and sexuality). It also includes structural critiques relevant to global health and social policy (social suffering, bio-power, structural violence, and capabilities theory). This course will introduce students to medical anthropological perspectives and their application to global problems such as human trafficking, HIV/AIDS, mass violence, and mental disorders. Emphasis will be placed on the synergy between global health and medical anthropology which can, in turn, lead to improved health and social care for diverse populations.

**Duration of the course:** 8 weeks, 8 classes, every Thursday

**Mode:** Online

**Important Dates:**

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| Start date of application      | 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2022 |
| End date of application        | 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2022 |
| Start date of the course       | 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2022 |

**Lead Instructor:**

Dr. Deborah K Padgett, a professor of social work, public health, and psychiatry at New York University, is known for her expertise in qualitative and mixed methods including her texts *Qualitative Methods in Social Work Research* (3rd Sage, 2016) and *Qualitative and Mixed Methods in Public Health* (Sage, 2012). Having a doctorate in medical anthropology and post-doctoral training in psychiatric epidemiology, Dr Padgett is a leading researcher on homelessness and is the first author of “Housing First: Ending Homelessness, Transforming Systems and Changing Lives. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Social Work and

Social Welfare (AASWSW).

### **Course Objectives**

- 1) Understand anthropological perspectives and their theoretical and conceptual contributions to understanding global health.
- 2) Analyze the role of culture in disease and illness
- 3) Learn and apply practice perspectives from anthropology including patient explanatory models, and structural competence
- 4) Examine caste, gender, race, and other bio-socio-cultural constructions using critical theories
- 5) Assess health and social policy implications of structural critiques of inequalities in health and wellness
- 6) Understand and apply the capabilities approach to addressing health disparities and disabilities.
- 7) Assess current issues in global health including communal violence, addiction, HIV/AIDS, pandemics, homelessness, mental illness, and human trafficking

### **Who can apply?**

We welcome people from all spheres, particularly mid-career professionals looking to enhance their knowledge of Anthropology and Public Health. The course is suitable for students and professionals alike, looking to know more about the theme for their research or work.

### **Essential Eligibility**

A minimum of an undergraduate degree is essential for the course. It could be in any discipline including but not restricted to social sciences.

### **What does the training involve?**

Your time commitment: The total training period is for 16 hours, divided into 2-hour long sessions held once a week for 8 weeks. The content will be covered for the duration of 8 weeks which will be divided into 8 different sessions. Two of the sessions will be taken up by other expert faculty members as well.

**The curriculum:**

Session 1: Anthropology and global health: An introduction

Session 2: Anthropology's Contributions to Public Health Practice and Policy

Session 3: Social Determinants of Health (includes an intro to the Indian socio-cultural system)

Session 4: Mental illness, culture, stigma, and public health

Session 5: Syndemics and health: the influence of caste, gender, and race

Session 6: Poverty: Structural and Cultural Competence

Session 7: Global Issues in HIV/AIDS and IV drug use, human trafficking anthropological perspectives

Session 8: Wars and Violence: Refugees and Displaced Population

**Timetable:**

| Week   | Date       | Time   | Session   | Professor         |
|--------|------------|--|---|-------------------|
| Week 1 | 2.06.2022  | 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm (IST)<br>10:00 am - 12:00 am (EDT) | Anthropology and global health: An introduction                                 | Deborah Padgett   |
| Week 2 | 9.06.2022  | 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm (IST)<br>10:00 am - 12:00 am (EDT) | Anthropology's Contributions to Public Health Practice and Policy               | Deborah Padgett   |
| Week 3 | 16.06.2022 | 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm (IST)<br>10:00 am - 12:00 am (EDT) | Social Determinants of Health (Includes intro to Indian socio-cultural systems) | Sujata Rao        |
| Week 4 | 23.06.2022 | 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm (IST)<br>10:00 am - 12:00 am (EDT) | Mental illness, culture, stigma and public health                               | Vandana Gopikumar |
| Week 5 | 30.06.2022 | 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm (IST)<br>10:00 am - 12:00 am (EDT) | Syndemics and health the influence of gender, caste, and race                   | Deborah Padgett   |
| Week 6 | 7.07.2022  | 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm (IST)<br>10:00 am - 12:00 am (EDT) | Poverty: Structural and Cultural  | Deborah Padgett   |
| Week 7 | 14.07.2022 | 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm (IST)<br>10:00 am - 12:00 am (EDT) | Global issues in HIV/AIDS and IV drug use, human trafficking                    | Deborah Padgett   |
| Week 8 | 21.07.2022 | 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm (IST)<br>10:00 am - 12:00 am (EDT) | Wars and Violence; Refugees and Displaced Populations                           | Deborah Padgett   |

**Board of trainers:**

**Dr. Deborah K Padgett** – Professor, New York University, Silver School of Social Work

**Dr. Vandana Gopikumar** – Co-founder, BALM and The Banyan

**Sujatha Roy**, former Union Secretary of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (1974-2010)

**Apply for Training**

To apply for the training please click here [Application Form](#)

**Deadline for applications: 30th May, 2022**

**Scholarships**

We provide need-based scholarships as well, to avail it fill our application form and send an email to

[admissions@balm.in](mailto:admissions@balm.in) and cc [mahak.sharma@balm.in](mailto:mahak.sharma@balm.in) and state why you are eligible for a scholarship with a title

‘Scholarship: Anthropology & Global Public Health’

If you think this course is for you, please use the application link: For any inquiries contact us:

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