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The scope of social anthropology has expanded dramatically in the last 100 years, stretching out beyond the traditional areas of museums, ethnographic exploration or descriptive studies. Nowadays, social anthropology – medical anthropology included – works in a broad and diverse field as for example in biomedicine or public health.

The symposium will focus on this juxtaposition of medical anthropology and of both, biomedicine and public health. It aims to examine the thesis that the creation and creativity of anthropological knowledge transform significantly when applied within biomedical or public health institutions.

We want to investigate what anthropological '(field-)work' means in the context of biomedicine and public health and we want to discover the difficulties and advantages which could arise in this cooperation.

In order to understand these changes conceptually we will present several case studies of medical anthropologists working within biomedicine/public health institutions.

Symposium and Workshop Fees

Regular fee	CHF 60.–
SEG members	CHF 40.–
Students	CHF 20.–
Payment on site.	

Pre-registration

Please register per email until 28.05.2015:
symposium2015@medicalanthropology.ch

Venue

Englisches Seminar der Universität Basel, Grosser Hörsaal,
Nadelberg 6, 4051 Basel (<http://tinyurl.com/kbon9gf>)

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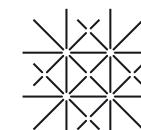


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MAS Symposium

4th and 5th June 2015 in Basel



MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY
AT THE HEART OF
PUBLIC HEALTH AND
BIOMEDICINE

Speakers

Susan C Scrimshaw is an anthropologist and professor of community health sciences and anthropology. She held several positions at universities in the USA, including dean of the University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health, and is currently the president of The Sage Colleges in Troy, New York.

Mitchell Weiss led the Department of Public Health at the Swiss TPH until 2010, promoting an interdisciplinary agenda. His research has been shaping the new field of cultural epidemiology.

Sylvie Fortin is an anthropologist and associate professor at the Departments of anthropology and pediatrics, University of Montreal, Canada. Her work deals, in an inclusive manner, with social, cultural, ethnic and religious diversity and the actualization of such pluralism within the social space of a hospital.

Patricia Hudelson is a medical anthropologist and focal person for interpreter services at the Department of Community Medicine, Primary Care and Emergency Medicine at the University Hospital of Geneva.

Language

Symposium and Workshops: English

Program Symposium Thursday, 4th June 2015

13:00 – 14:00 **REGISTRATION**

14:00 – 14:30 **OPENING**

Karin Gross (Medical Anthropology Switzerland)
Christine Holmberg (Berlins School of Public Health - Charité - Universitätsmedizin)
Sylvie Schuster (University Hospital of Basel)

14:30 – 15:15 Medical Anthropology and Public Health:
History and a contemporary framework
by Susan C Scrimshaw

15:15 – 16:00 Culture and epidemiology: Conflict and synergy
by Mitchell Weiss

16:00 – 16:30 **Coffee break**

16:30 – 17:15 Anthropology within the space of the clinic:
Identity, politics and methods
by Sylvie Fortin

17:15 – 18:00 What in the world is an anthropologist doing
at the hospital? – In search of a meaningful
identity
by Patricia Hudelson

Program Workshops Friday, 5th June 2015

10:00 – 10:30 **OPENING AND INTRODUCTION**
Piet van Eeuwijk

10:30 – 12:00 **WORKSHOP 1:**
Interfaces Medical Anthropology –
Public Health: Towards a joint ‘Health
Social Science’
Susan C Scrimshaw and Piet van Eeuwijk
or

WORKSHOP 2:
Two professional hybrids on culture, diversity
and otherness in the social space of clinic
Sylvie Fortin and Sylvie Schuster

12:00 – 14:00 **Lunch break**

14:00 – 15:30 **WORKSHOP 3:**
Interdisciplinary collisions and collabora-
tions in rethinking global mental health
Mitchell Weiss and Corina Salis Gross
or

WORKSHOP 4:
A critical analysis of anthropologists’ work in
Medicine and Public Health – a discussion
Patricia Hudelson and Christine Holmberg

15:30 – 16:30 **CLOSING DISCUSSION**
Corina Salis Gross

For detailed description of the workshops see:
<http://www.sagw.ch/de/seg/commissions/MAS.html> or
<http://bsph.charite.de/aktuelles/>