ANTH 302
GLOBALIZATION, HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES

In this course, students will develop an understanding of the critical relationship between global social and economic processes, the earth, and the health of humans. The readings and lectures emphasize how local experiences of health are linked with global economic and political processes through the changing environment. The first half of the course covers models of health, concepts of globalization, and historical changes in disease and health. We focus in particular on the pandemics of cholera, malaria, and HIV from a global historical perspective. The second half of the course explores case studies on gender, food security, war and violence, the politics of primary health care, environmental degradation, and health among colonized peoples. Through careful presentation of lectures, video, and publicly accessible case materials, students will develop skills to analyze health challenges facing many peoples of the world today.

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

- Understand the intersections between the well-being of individuals and the cultural, historical and environmental conditions within which a person lives
- Develop the ability to observe global health patterns and to analyze global trends
- Develop an in-depth understanding of health issues among particular populations
- Apply knowledge of trends to real case materials through in-class exercises
- Develop skills in the critical analysis of representations about the health of others