

Medical Anthropology (2)

What is health?

* WHO concept "complete physical, mental, and social well-being, and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity", with "the capability to function in the face of changing circumstances" / "highest possible level of health" allows people to participate in social life and work productively -- many critics and discussion

* Biomedical measures -- life expectancy, span of healthy life, health behaviors, reserve health, social support, overall birth rate, population growth rate, ...

* Critical medical anthropology concepts

* Public health concepts

* Cultural and organizational concepts

* Personal concepts to improve health

* Systems approach to health: including biopsychosocial model, cultural systems model

- **Theme for 23 April is "WHO's definition of health is appropriate?"** considering the discussion about the inclusion of spiritual health and its denial by the disagreement from religious aspects.
 - Proposition team: WHO's definition is appropriate.
 - Opposition team: WHO's definition is not appropriate and thus should be changed.
- see, <http://article.sapub.org/pdf/10.5923.j.ijas.20120206.03.pdf>