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Schedule and Location: 9 am – 11.50 am, Thursday; 236 Arts & Science Building.

Course Description

Medicine and technology have not only transformed our day-to-day living, they have also permeated our social and personal imagination and practices as well as national and global agendas. In the last few decades, medicine, technology, and globalization have become intertwined as perhaps never before, which has led to reconstitution of identities, bodies, and social lives across the globe. This course will critically interrogate the role of medicine and technology in different facets of social and individual existence in the context of globalization.

The course is organized as a seminar. Grades will be based on a research paper and students’ participation in the class. There will be no extensions for the research paper. Plagiarism will result in the student getting an F in the course.

Course Requirements

Grades will be based on class participation (40%) and a research paper (60%).

Plagiarism will result in the student getting an F in the course. If you have special needs as addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and need assistance, please notify the Office of Disability Services, A048 Brady Commons, 882-4696, or the course instructor immediately. Reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate your special needs.

Class Participation: Students will be expected to make presentations of assigned readings. The aim of such presentations should not be to summarize the article(s)’ or book’s main arguments, but to raise certain critical issues that the student feels are important and need to be further discussed. Presenter should deal with two-three points and explain why s/he thinks they are important. Students are also expected to participate in discussions in the class. This is a seminar course aimed at fostering dialogue and students will be evaluated for their contributions in that regard.
Course Outline

August 26: Introduction

Medicine, Technology, & the Body


**Medicine and Technology Within and Across Societies/Cultures**


Identity, Subjectivity, & Citizenship through Medicine and Technology


(iii) Barbara Prainsack, “Negotiating Life: The Regulation of Human Cloning and Embryonic Stem Cell Research in Israel”, *Social Studies of Science* 36 (2) 173-205.


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Dec. 10. Research Paper Due