Global Inequality and Women’s Health

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This course investigates the disparities of health risk, access to healthcare, and the availability of healthcare professionals.

It tries to shed light on how global trade and transnational migration affect health costs, healthcare delivery systems, and the distribution of burdens and benefits.

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Domestic and global economic inequality place significant numbers of people at high risk for health crises even as they are denied access to care. This course investigates the “pathogenic” aspects of gender and economic inequality; how systems of unequal resource distribution contribute to wide disparities of health risk, access to healthcare, and clinical outcomes; and how global trade and trans-national migration affect health costs, healthcare delivery systems, and the availability of healthcare professionals.

Growing national debt has become a feature of increasing numbers of nations over the past 60 years, heightening dependence on international financial institutions, restricting the sphere of freedom of national policy makers and, consequently, severely cutting healthcare provisions. This course unsettles the conventional moral calculus of credit and debt, exploring the relationship between debt and economic crisis and examining the impacts of austerity policies on women’s health.

Multinational pharmaceutical companies remain the primary developers of new drug regimens. The health effects of drug research and development, however, vary markedly from one region of the world to another. This course explores the political economy of the global pharmaceutical industry, analyzing the distribution of burdens and benefits. It examines several ethical issues, such as clinical trials on populations in the Global South and the continuing sale of drugs from one region of the world to another.

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