

The Sociology Of Health Illness And Health Care A Critical Approach

"Kevin White guides us through the many reasons for the centrality of health showing clearly that health and illness are the products not just of our biology but of the society into which we are born. He expertly draws on the works of Parsons, Marx, Foucault and feminist writers to provide an authoritative analysis of the social nature of health." - Ray Fitzpatrick, University of Oxford "I have used this book for many years because it is so well written, and it is easy for the students to understand." - Julianne Law, Bangor University "An excellent introductory text to help the students to begin to critically analyse different perspectives on health." - Debbie Chittenden, University of Bolton This is a new edition of the best-selling textbook for students of the sociology of health and illness. Free of jargon, intuitive about student needs and well versed in course requirements, Kevin White's book is used widely across both health and sociology schools.

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Sociology and its applications are key components of the core foundation programme in nursing and healthcare. Sociology of health and health care is an essential textbook for all students of nursing and healthcare and is organised in four parts: the nature of sociology and sociological research; the social patterning of health and disease; the social aspects of illness and dying; and the organisation and delivery of health care. Sociology of health and health care explores the nature of sociology and sociological research and their application to health and health care. It explores the impact of current social contexts on health and healthcare and recent developments in healthcare policy and addresses their implications for nursing and inter-professional working. This fourth edition also examines new approaches to understanding social inequalities in health and experiences of chronic illness and dying.

A comprehensive presentation of the major topics in medical sociology. The Sociology of Health, Healing, and Illness, 8/e by Gregory L. Weiss and Lynne E. Lonquist provides an in-depth overview of the field of medical sociology. The authors provide solid coverage of traditional topics while providing significant coverage of current issues related to health, healing, and illness.

Readers will emerge with an understanding of the health care system in the United States as well as the changes that are taking place with the implementation of The Affordable Care Act.

The Handbook of the Sociology of Health, Illness & Healing advances the understanding of medical sociology by identifying the most important contemporary challenges to the field and suggesting directions for future inquiry. The editors provide a blueprint for guiding research and teaching agendas for the first quarter of the 21st century. In a series of essays, this volume offers a systematic view of the critical questions that face our understanding of the role of social forces in health, illness and healing. It also provides an overall theoretical framework and asks medical sociologists to consider the implications of taking on new directions and approaches. Such issues may include the importance of multiple levels of influences, the utility of dynamic, life course approaches, the role of culture, the impact of social networks, the importance of fundamental causes approaches, and the influences of state structures and policy making.

A comprehensive collection of classic and contemporary readings in the sociology of health. The Sociology of Healthcare will stimulate debate, reflexive practice and critical thinking in applied sociology and is aimed at the teaching and learning needs of both lecturers and students.

This reader-friendly book reflects important changes in health care and significant advancements in medical sociology - providing an in-depth overview of the field. It offers solid coverage of traditional topics with a keen focus on the current issues and public policy debates affecting this dynamic area of study. Analysis of a wide range of current issues includes the SARS epidemic, the sociology of mental health, the multidimensional consideration of stressors, the increasing problem of obesity, and contributions of animals to human health. For individuals interested in an overview of the health care system in the United States.

The Sociology of Healthcare Safety and Quality presents a series of research-informed readings on the sociological contributions of technologies, practices, experiences, and organizational quality and safety across a range of healthcare contexts. Represents the first collection of peer-reviewed research articles showcasing ways that sociology can contribute to the ongoing policy concern of healthcare safety and quality Features original contributions from leading experts in healthcare related fields from three continents Reveals the state-of-the art in sociological analyses of contemporary healthcare safety and quality along with future directions in the field Offers sociological insights from the perspectives of managers, clinicians, and patients

This collection of both classic writings and more recent articles in the sociology of health and illness includes a number of different perspectives on health and illness.

Sharp, bold and engaging, this book provides a contemporary account of why medical sociology matters in our modern society. Combining theoretical and empirical perspectives, and applying the pragmatic demands of policy, this timely book explores society's response to key issues such as race, gender and identity to explain the relationship between

sociology, medicine and medical sociology. Each chapter includes an authoritative introduction to pertinent areas of debate, a clear summary of key issues and themes and dedicated bibliography. Chapters include: • social theory and medical sociology • health inequalities • bodies, pain and suffering • personal, local and global. Brimming with fresh interpretations and critical insights this book will contribute to illuminating the practical realities of medical sociology. This exciting text will be of interest to students of sociology of health and illness, medical sociology, and sociology of the body. Hannah Bradby has a visiting fellowship at the Department of Primary Care and Health Sciences, King's College London. She is monograph series editor for the journal *Sociology of Health and Illness* and co-edits the multi-disciplinary journal *Ethnicity and Health*.

The bestselling *An Introduction to the Sociology of Health and Illness* has long been the go-to text for students looking for a clear, engaging and theoretically informed introduction to this dynamic topic. Written with a truly sociological and critical perspective, and thoroughly updated to include the latest cutting-edge thinking in the area, the new edition is packed with new empirical examples. Incorporating helpful learning features including chapter overviews, boxed cases, summaries and further reading, this book is a stimulating and thought-provoking essential text for students in health, nursing and sociology schools.

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Praise for the First Edition: 'The book is a great introduction... it gives the students a sound basis, gets them thinking and gives them the confidence to move on' - Sarah Nettleton, University of York 'This book was a pleasure to read, given its clarity and the broad spectrum to topics covered so succinctly...it delivers a grounded and measured summary of the

sociology of health. Perhaps most importantly however, I feel it achieves the task of promoting critical and questioning in relation to the medical model and our understanding of health as anchored in the social world' - Zoe Hildon, Imperial College London The eagerly-awaited new edition of *Understanding Health: A Sociological Introduction* brings together the best of current thinking in the sociology of health and illness in a truly 'readable' and concise manner. 'The book is a great introduction... it gives the students a sound basis, gets them thinking and gives them the confidence to move on' - 'This book was a pleasure to read, given its clarity and the broad spectrum to topics covered so succinctly...it delivers a grounded and measured summary of the sociology of health. Perhaps most importantly however, I feel it achieves the task of promoting critical and questioning in relation to the medical model and our understanding of health as anchored in the social world' - The eagerly-awaited new edition of brings together the best of current thinking in the sociology of health and illness in a truly 'readable' and concise manner. Extensively revised and drawing on the latest applied sociological research and new theoretical insights into health and illness, *Understanding Health: A Sociological Introduction* explores everything from health inequalities to chronic illness; embodiment to research techniques; and health care organisation to social theory. Though aimed primarily at students on health and social care courses and professions allied to medicine, this textbook provides valuable insights for anyone interested in the social aspects of health.

Now with SAGE Publishing! The Tenth Edition of *The Sociology of Health and Illness: Critical Perspectives* addresses the crucial issues in this field with over 45 readings (1/3 of which are new to this edition) from the scholarly literature on health and medicine, thus providing students with the most balanced and comprehensive analysis of health care today. This best-selling anthology from Peter Conrad and Valerie Leiter includes both micro-level and structural perspectives, frameworks for understanding these critical issues, and a breadth of material that allows instructors to mix and match materials to meet their course needs. New to this Edition 17 readings are new to this edition. All introductions by the editors have been updated to reflect new readings and the latest data. The sections on Financing Medical Care and Health Care Reform have been merged to reflect the current debate about health policy taking place largely within the context of financing. The section previously called Comparative Health Policies is now called Global Issues, with an expanded scope that includes health inequalities between countries, the globalization of ADHD, and the international migration of health care workers. New material on the dilemmas of medical technology provides both a conceptual framework for understanding the key issues as well as a case study about genetic counseling to help students apply those concepts directly. New readings on illness, medicine, and the internet offer increasingly relevant information on how individuals address health and illness in their increasingly technology-dominated lives. A new section on

globalization helps students understand the impact of factors such as the international pharmaceutical industry, international migration, and the role of the internet.

In this exciting introduction to the sociology of health and medicine, Annandale examines the core issues of the discipline and reassesses them in the light of recent developments in health care and social theory. *The Sociology of Health and Medicine* considers the way in which recent economic and social change has generated new issues and necessitated a re-evaluation of the traditional concerns in the field of health, illness and health care. Annandale examines how theoretical and methodological developments in social theory - such as post-structuralism and revisions to Marxist, feminist and symbolic interactionist thought - has led to new thinking in a number of areas. These include the processes linking "race", gender and class to health and illness, the sociology of the health service and the division of labour within it, and the experience of health and health care. Through a discussion of both traditional and new topics in the field, this book offers a wide-ranging and up-to-date assessment of the state of the sociology of health, illness and health care. The result is an innovative text that both reflects and advances changes in the discipline.

The Sociology of the Health Service responds directly to the need to develop a sociological analysis of current health policy. Topics covered vary from privatisation and health service management to health education and the politics of professional power. Also included is an historical review of sociology's contributions to health policy and proposals for an agenda for sociological health policy research in the 1990s.

This inspirational new text covers the basic principles of the sociology of health and illness in an eminently readable way. By creatively employing the fictitious character of Frank Bennet, a new medical student, who cannot understand why he has to attend so many sessions in sociology in order to become a doctor, the book examines the most common

This collection of 49 readings offers an integrated analysis of the most important issues regarding health and health care from a critical and sociological perspective. Substantive introductions provide context for the readings. With ten new and two revised essays, the Seventh Edition contains more coverage of key areas such as alternative medicine, the pharmaceutical industry, and the relationship between healthcare and politics.

Sociological Perspectives on Health, Illness and Health Care identifies three key issues in the sociology of health: researching health, issues surrounding illness in major client/patients groups such as children and the elderly, and the factors influencing the provision of health care. The book provides a critical evaluation of these issues and encourages the reader to critique and analyse current findings. The text presents and evaluates the current knowledge base, how this has developed and is developing, and considers health issues currently being debated (eg, inequalities in health provision). This book will provide students with access to a wide range of expertise in the sociology of health. Presented

in a clear and accessible format, the book is written assuming a basic knowledge of sociology on the part of the reader. Understanding the Sociology of Health continues to offer an easy to read introduction to sociological theories essential to understanding the current health climate. Up-to-date with key policy and research, and including case studies and exercises to critically engage the reader, this book shows how sociology can answer complex questions about health and illness, such as why health inequalities exist. To better help with your studies this book contains: - a global perspective with international examples; - a new chapter on health technologies; - online access to videos of the author discussing key topics as well as recommended further readings; - a glossary, chapter summaries and reflective questions to help you engage with the subject. Though aimed primarily at students on health and social care courses and professions allied to medicine, this textbook provides valuable insights for anyone interested in the social aspects of health.

Michael Bury provides a lively introduction to the sociology of health and illness for students approaching the topic for the first time. Drawing on classic writings and up-to-date research, he discusses the conceptualization and patterning of health and illness in contemporary society.

Extremely student friendly and completely up to date, THE SOCIOLOGY OF HEALTH, ILLNESS, AND HEALTH CARE: A CRITICAL APPROACH, 7th Edition delivers a comprehensive, cutting-edge overview that includes both micro- and macro-level topics. The text exposes the sociological and ethical dilemmas of modern health care and challenges students to think analytically, while its unique critical perspective enables readers to question their previously held beliefs about health and illness. Thorough discussions of health and health care emphasize how social forces can prevent or foster illness, affect cultural ideas about illness and disability, structure health care institutions, and affect the lives of health care workers. Race, class, gender, and disability issues are highlighted throughout the text; the book also summarizes the social causes of health and illness in less developed nations and the diverse ways that nations provide (or don't provide) health care. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

Ground realities about health, illness and disease in India.

Thoroughly revised and fully updated, the second edition of Sarah Nettleton's book will prove invaluable to anyone looking for a clear and accessible introduction to key contemporary debates within the sociology of health and illness. The book builds on the first edition's success, integrating the core tenets of traditional medical sociology with some fresh insights from the current literature. New material is found throughout, including discussions of the new genetics, food and eating, e-health, the MMR debate, embryo stem cell research, recent approaches to health inequalities, and the health implications of the information age. Carefully annotated suggested further readings have been added to each chapter, to help extend students' learning and thinking. The book aims to provide students with a thorough grounding in the area of the sociology of health and illness. As such it covers a diversity of topics and draws on a wide range of analytic approaches. The text spans issues such as the social construction of

medical knowledge, the analysis of lay health knowledge and beliefs, concepts of lifestyles and risk, the experience of illness and the sociology of the body. It also explores matters which are central to health policy, such as professional-patient relationships, health inequalities and the changing nature of health care work. A central theme which runs throughout the book is that we are moving towards a new paradigm of health and health care, one in which people are no longer passive recipients of treatment when they are ill, but are active participants in the maintenance of their own health. This is reflected in contemporary health policy which emphasizes health promotion, community health care and consumerism. The book is written primarily for students of the social sciences who opt to study the field of health and illness in greater depth, but will also appeal to students taking vocational degrees requiring a sociological grounding in the area.

Modern societies and organizations are characterized by multiple kinds of observations, systems, or rationalities, rather than singular identities and clear hierarchies. This holds true for healthcare where we find a range of different perspectives – from medicine to education, from science to law, from religion to politics – brought together in different types of arrangements. This innovative volume explores how this polycontextuality plays out in the healthcare arena. Drawing on systems theory, and Luhmann's theory of social systems as communicative systems in particular, the contributors investigate how things – drugs, for example – and bodies are observed and constructed in different ways under polycontextural conditions. They explore how the different types of communication and observation are brought into workable arrangements – without becoming identical or reconciled – and discuss how health care organizations observe their own polycontextuality. Providing an analysis of healthcare structures that is up to speed with the complexity of healthcare today, this book shows how society and its organizations simultaneously manage contexts that do not fit together. It is an important work for those with an interest in health and illness, social theory, Niklas Luhmann, organizations and systems theory from a range of backgrounds including sociology, health studies, political science and management.

The Sociology of Healthcare, Second Edition explores the impact of current social changes on health, illness and healthcare, and provides an overview of the fundamental concerns in these areas. This new edition features a brand new chapter entitled 'End of Life' which will help health and social care workers to respond with confidence to one of the most difficult and challenging areas of care. The 'End of Life' chapter includes information on changing attitudes to death, theories of death and dying, and palliative care. All chapters have been thoroughly updated to address diversity issues such as gender, ethnicity and disability. In addition, expanded and updated chapters include 'Childhood and Adolescence' and 'Health Inequalities'. The text is further enhanced through the use of case studies that relate theory to professional practice, and discussion questions to aid understanding. Links to websites direct the reader to further information on health, social wellbeing and government policies. This book is essential reading for all students of healthcare including nursing, medicine, midwifery and health studies and for those studying healthcare as part of sociology, social care and social policy degrees. "In an age when health policy follows an individualist model of "personal responsibility" this book by Alan Clarke demonstrates with a vast array of evidence, just how much there is such a thing as

society. An excellent overall book.” Dr. Stephen Cowden, Senior Lecturer in Social Work, Coventry University

Strohschein/Weitz' *The Sociology of Health, Illness, and Health Care in Canada: A Critical Approach*, first Canadian edition is the first in its field to take a critical approach, challenging students to use their 'sociological imagination' to question previously taken-for-granted aspects about health, illness, and health care. Comprehensive, current, and thoroughly Canadian, the authors consistently encourage students to acquire for themselves the tools needed to see the world around them in a new way. As one of the largest fields in the discipline, the sociology of health and illness is vibrant, theoretically-rich and diverse. As such, *The Sociology of Health, Illness, and Healthcare in Canada: A Critical Approach* places nearly equal balance of the three main areas in the field: the social patterning of health and illness, the social construction of health and illness, and the social organization of health care. It introduces students not only to structural functionalism, conflict theory and symbolic interactionism, but also to more recent theories such as Foucaultian theory, postmodernism, Bourdiesian theory and sociology of the body. The text places considerable effort into evaluating and interpreting the most current available research findings; Canadian statistics; and trends in health, creating a coherent 'story' that will engage students and stimulate active learning and independent thinking. The text's authors contextualize the sociology of health, illness, and healthcare in Canada's political, historical, and cultural landscape. At the same time, the authors examine the lessons to be learned by contrasting the Canadian situation with what occurs in the United States and other countries.

This engaging text provides a sociological perspective on health, illness, and health care. Serving as an introduction to medical sociology for undergraduate and graduate students, it also presents a summary of the field for medical sociologists and for public health scholars and practitioners. A highlight of the text is its emphasis on the social roots of health and disease and on the impact of social inequality on health disparities and the quality of health care. The book also critically examines health care in the United States and around the world and evaluates the achievements and limitations of the Affordable Care Act and other recent health care reform efforts.

This wide-reaching handbook offers a new perspective on the sociology of health, illness and medicine by stressing the importance of social theory. Examining a range of classic and contemporary female and male theorists from across the globe, it explores various issues including chronic illness, counselling and the rising problems of obesity.

Designed to reflect important changes in health care and significant advancements in medical sociology, this reader-friendly book provides a readable, interesting, and in-depth overview of the field. It offers solid coverage of traditional topics with a keen focus on the current issues and public policy debates affecting this dynamic area of study. The volume offers perspectives on the sociology of health, healing, and illness, the influence of the social environment on health and illness, health and illness behavior, health care practitioners and their relationships with patients and a look at the social implications of health care technology and comparative health care systems. For individuals looking for an appreciation

for how the sociological perspective and social theory contribute to health, healing and illness.

The Sociology of Health and Illness Reader brings together some of the best examples of recent sociological studies on health, illness and health care. The volume emphasizes the empirical nature of medical sociology and its relationship with the development of sociological theory. It thus presents an array of substantive topics viewed from a range of contemporary theoretical positions. Reflecting the key areas of medical sociology, the chapters are organized into five sections: 'Bodies', 'Health and Risk', 'Experiencing Illness', 'Social Patterning of Health and Illness' and 'Health Care Work'. Each area is introduced by the editors, who provide an overview of the topic and highlight key developments. Although the chapters cover a wide range of topics, they all deal with issues pertinent to health and illness in the twenty-first century, and draw upon broader sociological debates around notions of risk, reflexivity, flexibility, uncertainty and late modernity. The book includes an extensive introduction that provides the student with an orientation to the field. This timely and assured text provides lecturers and students with a well informed, penetrating analysis of the key questions in medicine and society. The book is divided into three sections. It opens with a well judged account of the context of health and illness. It moves on to examine the process and experience of illness. Finally, it examines how health care is negotiated and delivered.

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