

Blog of the Work Group Medical Anthropology (within the German Anthropological Association):

Medical Anthropology: Body, Health and Healing in an Interconnected World

Author Guidelines (Effective 1 July 2015)

About the Blog

The aim of this blog is to achieve greater visibility of current debates and research in medical anthropology among students and scientists in the academic field, but also among persons working in areas such as medicine, psychiatry, journalism, or public health who are interested in medical anthropology.

The blog is moderated by the Work Group Medical Anthropology (within the German Anthropological Association) that was founded in 1997. Since then, its members have been engaged in research and discussion concerning a wide range of topics related to health, illness, body, and healing from an anthropological perspective. The work group takes particular interest in the social and cultural dimensions that shape people's behaviors and interpretations in regard to these central areas of individual and collective human experience. Moreover, the group explores how dynamics of medicalization and technologization as well as multilayered inequalities and power dynamics shape bodily and mental wellbeing in a globally connected world.

Aside from **thematic contributions** that address specific issues and problems within the wide range of medical anthropology – as for instance the logic of transnational health interventions, the interrelation between culture and health, or the encounter of diverging health-related ideas and medical practices in a globalized world – this blog offers an opportunity particularly to students and young scholars to provide the public with an insight into their research via individual **research reports**. Moreover, it aims to become a platform for inspiring and scientifically provocative **think pieces**: Essays, controversial propositions, or experiential texts that may not necessarily be thought through down to the last detail but all the more invigorating. Finally, we publish **short reviews** of recent publications and **reports of conferences** of relevance for medical anthropology. Under the rubric "Aktuelles" (News), announcements of conferences and other events in the field of medical anthropology are published.

Contributions and comments on texts of the blog are highly welcome – also from authors who are not a member of the Work Group Medical Anthropology! If you consider submitting a text for publication, please see the information on the possible text categories and formatting guidelines provided above and below and get into contact with us in advance for the clarification of further questions. All contributions are reviewed by the blog moderators who, if applicable, will provide suggestions for further revision.

Moderators

- Hansjörg Dilger (Social and Cultural Anthropology, Freie Universität Berlin)
- Dominik Mattes (Social and Cultural Anthropology, Freie Universität Berlin)
- Michael Knipper (History of Medicine, Medical Anthropology, Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen)

Text Categories

1. Thematic contributions (up to 3000 words)
2. Reports on ethnographic research projects (up to 3000 Wörter)
3. Think pieces (up to 1500 words)
4. Reviews of recent publications (up to 800 words)
5. Conference reports (500-700 words).

The word limits do not include references and biographical information on the author (see below).

Style

The texts that are published on this blog are aimed at the larger public. That means, they are expected to adopt an explicitly anthropological, usually theoretically informed perspective on the topic in question. At the same time, they are to be written in a language that is well accessible also for readers without a strong anthropological background. To this purpose it is suggested that all texts provide concrete and rich examples from ethnographic fieldwork. In any case, research reports should be avoided whose style resembles the summaries that can just as well be found on the websites of respective academic institutions. All texts may be complemented by bibliographical references for further reading (up to 5 references in research reports and up to 15 in thematic contributions).

Text formatting:

- Submissions are requested as doc oder docx files.
- Font: Times New Roman 12, line spacing 1,5
- Please ensure good readability and a clear structuration of your contribution by way of using precise and informative subheadings
- Please italicize quotations of more than 40 words (but do not indent them) and mark them with double quotation marks
- Please **do not** use any foot- or endnotes
- **Graphics and photos are very welcome!** Please insert them directly in the text and exactly at the place where you would like them to appear. Please also provide all details concerning the source and copyright of the graphic.

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