

Symposium on Health and Illness: Concepts, Issues, Practices and Policy

The Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at IIT Kanpur will conduct a one day symposium on 'Health and Illness: Concepts, Issues, Practices and Policy' on 11th November 2013. The study of health and illness is a vibrant and active research area in the social sciences. In the emerging paradigm of 'Universal Health Coverage' there is a need to explore various aspects related to health, using an interdisciplinary perspective. The symposium aims to explore these aspects both from psychological and sociological perspectives. Participation in the symposium will be on the basis of invitation. Eminent speakers from academics, policy making, action research and other related fields are invited.

The symposium would be geared towards understanding and discussion of following aspects:

- The meanings of health and illness
- The social, psychological and political contexts of health, illness and healing
- The medical and indigenous healing practices in physical and mental illness; pluralistic healing practices
- The mechanisms of coping and quality of life in the context of major illnesses
- Diagnostic issues in mental illness
- Self, illness and illness narratives
- Issues related to epidemiological transition; health transition and disease burden
- Social Change and socio-economic disparities in health
- Gender and the politics of women's health
- Health issues and stress management in specific domains such as armed forces
- Health care and health policy
- Any other related topic

Participation

Only invited speakers will participate in the symposium. Distinguished persons in academics, policy making, action research and other fields will be invited.

Important

Participants are requested to submit the abstracts by 30th August 2013. The word limit for abstracts is 500 to 600 words (Font size 12, Double space). The abstract should have three to five keywords and details of author(s) affiliation, address, phone numbers and email id. The abstracts should be emailed to both the organizers (shikha@iitk.ac.in; arunk@iitk.ac.in).

Since the papers presented and discussed in the symposium would be published in the form of an edited book later, full papers should be submitted by 15th of October. Initially the first draft of papers may be submitted for circulation among participants to promote a vibrant discussion during the symposium. The final version may be submitted later for publication.

Guidelines for Manuscript Submission

Manuscripts should be typed in Times New Roman, font size 12 (no need to justify). All pages should be numbered. Complete manuscript should be e-mailed to the organizers of the symposium (shikha@iitk.ac.in; arunk@iitk.ac.in).

Papers should ideally be in the range of 7000 to 8000 words (excluding the abstract, reference list, tables and figures). However, papers may be shorter or go beyond this length in cases where the clear expression of the content requires greater length.

Affiliations, complete postal addresses and e-mail ids should be provided with the manuscripts.

Manuscripts should have an abstract of about 300 words along with 3–5 keywords.

British spellings should be used throughout the manuscript.

For quotes the APA (American Psychological Association) guidelines should be used.

Use of numbers: Numbers from one to nine should be spelt out; rest can be indicated in figures. Figures to be used for measurements (10 per cent and not 10%)

Italics and diacriticals should be used minimally.

Tables and figures should be numbered serially and sources for figures and tables should be mentioned.

Parenthetical citations should be used. Wherever required, content notes and appendices can be used. APA style should be followed for this purpose.

References should include all referred texts (journal articles, books, essays, theses, newspaper reports, internet sources and documents). References should be reported in APA style.

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