

**CENTRE OF SOCIAL MEDICINE AND COMMUNITY HEALTH
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
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(Winter Semester 2017)

Course No.	: SM 620
Course Title	: Comparative Studies in Health Systems
Course Teacher	: Prof. Rama V. Baru
Credits	: 2
Instruction Methods	: Lecture; Tutorials and Seminars.
Method of Evaluation	: Term Papers and Viva Voce. (1/2 credit for short term paper; 1 credit for long term paper and 1/2 credit for viva voce)

Course Objective:

The course familiarizes students to theoretical frameworks for comparative analysis and examines the evolution of health services in China. The two Asian giants represent variation in historical and socio-political contexts in which health and health service systems have evolved. The experience of China will be compared and contrasted with the Indian experience.

Course Outline:

This course is divided into three sections. The first section provides a theoretical overview on comparative studies. The second section provides a historical and political overview of the evolution of health services and determinants of health in China and India. The third section focuses on the shifts in health service development, health sector reforms and its implication for universality and equity.

Part I

1. What is comparative studies health system and why is it important?
2. Disciplines contributing to comparative analysis (political science, demography, epidemiology etc)
3. Perspectives on welfare state.
 - a. Liberal
 - b. Marxist
 - c. Neo-Marxist

Part II: Historical Overview of Health Services in China

Socio-political context of health and health services in China -1949

Descriptions of health service system

- Epidemiological profile
- Demography/Population size
- History/Socio political
- Health Services

Part III

Shifts in health service development 1978 to the present in China

- Health sector reforms
- Consequences of commercialization for equity, universality and comprehensiveness
- Recent strategies for addressing inequities and universal care

Reading List

Part I: Theoretical Overview

Essential Readings

1. Giddens, A (2000) Selected chapters for the concepts of welfare state, globalization.
2. Kennett,P (2001) **Comparative Social Policy :Theory and Research**, Buckingham, Open University Press. Chapter 1, 3. **(SM-620/F-2) DDC. Call. No- 361.61 K394 Co**
3. Kethineni,V.(1991): 'Political Economy of State Intervention in Health Care' **Economic and Political Weekly**, October 19th. **(SM-620/F-3)**
4. Fitzpatrick, R (1987): Political Science and Health Policy **In** Scambler, G. **Sociological Theory and Medical Sociology**, Tavistock, London. **(SM-620/F-5)**
5. Jayal, Niraja,G (2001): Gentle Leviathan: Welfare and the Indian State **In** Rao, M. (Ed.) **Disinvesting in Health: The World Bank's Prescriptions for Health**, New Delhi, Sage Publications. **(SM-620/F-6)**
6. Jim Yong Kim et al (2000): **Dying for Growth: Global Inequality and the Health of the Poor**, Cambridge, Common Courage Press. Chapters 2&3. **(SM-620/F-15)**

Suggested Readings

1. Mechanic, D. & Rochefort, D. A. (1996) Comparative Medical System, **Annual Review Sociology**, Vol.22: pp. 239-70. **(SM-620/F-40)**

PART-II

Essential Readings

2. Joshua S. Horn (1969): **“Away with all pests: An English surgeon in People's China, 1954-1969”**, Monthly Review Press, New York. **(XB-84)**
3. Alka, Acharya, Baru Rama et al (2001): “The State and Human Development: Health and Education , In G.P. Despande and Alka Acharya (eds.) **50 Years of Crossing a Bridge of Dreams India China**, Tulika Press, New Delhi, pp: 203-267. **(SM-620/F-37)**
4. Ahmad, Ehtisham, Hussain Athar (1991): “Social Security in China: A Historical Perspective” In **Social Security in Developing Countries**, Ehtisham Ahmad, Jean Dreze etal (eds.), OUP, New Delhi, pp: 247-304. **(SM-620/F-31)**
5. Croll, Elizabeth (1983): “The Family Rice Bowl: Food and the Domestic Economy in China”, Zed Books Ltd. **(XB-126)**

Part III: Challenges facing Health Systems

Essential readings

1. Twaddle, A. (Ed) (2002): **Health Care Reforms Around the World**. Introduction and select country chapters. Auburn House, Conneticut, USA. (China & India) **(SM-620/F-13)**
2. Nundy, Madhurima and Baru, Rama (2013): “Recent Trends in Health Sector Reforms and Commercialisation of Public Hospitals in China”, ICS Working Paper No. 2013/12/2, December, Institute of Chinese Studies (ICS), New Delhi. **(SM-620/F-38)**
3. Mackintosh, M and M.Koivusalo (Ed.) (2005): **Commercialisation of Health Care: Global and Local Dynamics and Policy Responses**, New York, UNRISD and Palgrave-Macmillan. Selected chapters on China and India. Chapter 1/6. **(SM-620/F-16)**

Suggested Reading

1. Qadeer, I (2000): Health Care Systems in Transition-The Indian Experience, **Journal of Public Health Medicine**, Vol. 22, No.1, pp.25-32. **(SM-601/F-39)**
2. Koivusalo M. and Ollila E (1997): **Making a healthy World: Agencies, Actors and Policies in International Health**. London and New York. Zed Books Ltd. **(CHG-994/XB-75(1)/364K8292 Ma)**
3. Nundy, Madhurima (2014): "Transformation of Health Insurance Schemes in China: Lessons for Access", **China Report**, Vol. 50, No.1, pp: 31-43. **(SM-620/F-39)**