

# SOSANT2550 – Medical Anthropology

## Assignments for take home exam

### Regular exam, spring semester 2013

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Please read the *Regulations for take home exam* before you start writing your exam paper. You will find the regulations on the course semester web page; <http://www.uio.no/studier/emner/sv/sai/SOSANT2550/v13/>

The exam paper must be written in accordance with guidelines for referring to quotes and sources.

Please read <http://www.sv.uio.no/english/studies/resources/sources-and-references/> (in English)

or <http://www.sv.uio.no/studier/ressurser/kildebruk/> (in Norwegian).

You can find the guidelines *Praktiske råd og retningslinjer for skriving av hjemmeoppgaver* in Norwegian under “Eksamen” on: <http://www.sv.uio.no/sai/studier/admin/>

**Exam paper length:** minimum requirement 2 900 words – maximum length 4 400 words including cover page and foot- or endnotes. The list of works cited may not exceed 1 page and is not to be included in the total number of words.

Exam papers which do not meet the requirement for the minimum number of words or which exceed the maximum number of words will not be accepted or returned later without assessment or grading.

Exams at the University of Oslo may be checked for correct word count and incidents of cheating. The text recognition software Ephorus could be used to find cases of plagiarism.

The exam paper must be written in accordance with University regulations. Exam papers not written in accordance with University regulations may be subject to charges of cheating. Please see *Routines for handling suspicion of cheating and attempted cheating at the University of Oslo*,

<http://www.uio.no/english/about/regulations/studies/studies-examinations/routines-cheating.html> (in English) or Reglementshåndboken, 3.3.2.: <http://www.admin.uio.no/admhb/reglhb/studier/andre-regelverk/fuskesakereng.xml> (in Norwegian).

The exam paper must be written in English.

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**Assignments for the take home exam** can be downloaded from Fronter or the course semester web page <http://www.uio.no/studier/emner/sv/sai/SOSANT2550/v13/>

from **Tuesday April 2nd at 12:00**

### **Deadline for handing in the exam paper:**

**Tuesday April 9th at 09:00 a.m. in Fronter**

The folder closes automatically and precisely at the announced deadline. It is therefore not possible to hand in exam papers after the deadline. The students are responsible for submitting their exam papers in time.

Please read *How to submit exam papers in Fronter* in Fronter or on the course semester web page;

<http://www.uio.no/studier/emner/sv/sai/SOSANT2550/v13/>

You must also hand in two (2) identical paper copies of your exam paper and one (1) signed copy of the declaration of sources:

**Time: Tuesday April 9th at 11:00 a.m.**

**Place:** the reception at the Department of Social Anthropology, 6th floor, Eilert Sundt's Building (Faculty of Social Sciences).

You will find the declaration of sources under “Eksamen” on <http://www.sv.uio.no/sai/studier/admin/> (*Declaration of sources* in English and *Obligatorisk Erklærings skjema* in Norwegian).

You will find information on time and place for handing in the exam paper on <http://www.uio.no/studier/emner/sv/sai/SOSANT2550/v13/eksamen/index.html>

The exam results will be published in the StudentWeb no later than three weeks after the paper was handed in.

All students will receive an explanation of the grades in Fronter.

***Best of luck!***

## **ENGLISH:**

Answer one of the following three questions:

1. ‘Citizenship’ — attachment to larger social collectives, including claims and obligations — is tied in with biomedical practices. Discuss, using the reading list (e.g. Petryna, Fairhead, Hayden, Das, Redfield) and other examples, how biomedicine both depends on and produces different groups and different kinds of citizenship in diverse contexts and times.
2. Several texts on the curriculum deal with experiences of suffering and disease. Discuss the connection between suffering as embodied experience and the issue of voice. Use several ethnographic examples and utilize at least three texts from the reading list in your argument.
3. Following Foucault, diagnostic closure is considered a mark of biomedicine and source of its effectiveness. Discuss, drawing on the reading list (e.g. Street, Petryna, Geissler and Prince) how on the contrary openness and ambiguity (in bio- and other medicine) serve to open up pathways to action.