

Course syllabus: Econ 797P  
The Political Economy of Public Health  
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This is a course in the political economy of public health; the extension of the study of political economy and political-economic systems to public health. The geographic focus will be primarily, but not exclusively, the United States. The political economy of public health contrasts with current approaches that focus on the individual, behavioral and genetic level of analysis, and represents a return to the origins of public health, captured by Rudolph Virchow's famous dictum: "Medicine is a social science, and politics is nothing more than medicine on a grand scale." There are no prerequisites for this class, although some knowledge of inferential statistics/econometrics will be necessary to understand the assigned material.

Class activities/responsibilities:

Attendance and class participation is worth 100% of the grade. Students are expected to do a substantial amount of reading, attend all classes and to participate. There will be core readings that everyone will be expected to do, and beyond that students will take responsibility for reading and summarizing additional materials and giving very short presentations to the class. Many of these readings are short public health articles. The presentations should cover the following: What question are the authors seeking to answer? What methodology do they employ? What data do they use? Do you find the study compelling? Why or why not?

### **January 25th: Introduction**

What is the Political Economy of Public Health? How I came to the field while studying the transition to capitalism in Russia.

Harvey, Michael. "The Political Economy of Health: Revisiting Its Marxian Origins to Address 21st-Century Health Inequalities." *American Journal of Public Health*. 111, no.2 (February 1, 2021): p.293-300.

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Azarova, Aytalina, Darja Irdam, Alexi Gugshvili, Mihály Fazekas, Gábor Scheiring, Pia Horvat, Dénes Stefler, Irina Kolesnikova, Vladimir Popov, Iván Szelényi, David Stuckler, Michael Marmot, Michael Murphy, Martin McKee, Martin Bobak and Lawrence King. 2017. “The effect of rapid privatisation on mortality in mono-industrial towns in post-Soviet Russia: a retrospective cohort study.” *Lancet Public Health* 2 (5): e231-8. [https://doi.org/10.1016/S2468-2667\(17\)30072-5](https://doi.org/10.1016/S2468-2667(17)30072-5)

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## **February 1: Capitalist Development and Public Health**

Angus Deaton. *The Great Escape: health, wealth, and the origins of inequality*. Pp.59-100.

Colin Leys. “Health, Health care and capitalism” Pp.1-28. *Socialist Register 2010: Morbid Symptoms: health under capitalism*. Merlin Press. 2009.

Cereseto, S., & Waitzkin, H. (1986). “Economic development, political-economic system, and the physical quality of life.” *American Journal of Public Health*, 76(6), 661–666.

## **February 8: Ideology and Public Health**

Crawford, R. (1977). "You are Dangerous to Your Health: The Ideology and Politics of Victim Blaming." *International Journal of Health Services*, 7(4), 663–680.

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Waitzkin, Howard. (1989). "A Critical Theory of Medical Discourse: Ideology, Social Control, and the Processing of Social Context in Medical Encounters." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, 30(2), 220. <https://doi.org/10.2307/2137015>

Glasgow, S., & Schrecker, T. (2015). "The double burden of neoliberalism? Noncommunicable disease policies and the global political economy of risk." *Health & Place*, 34, 279–286. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.healthplace.2015.06.005>

Kelly, M. P., & Barker, M. (2016). "Why is changing health-related behaviour so difficult?" *Public Health*, 136, 109–116. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.puhe.2016.03.030>

McKee, M., & Colagiuri, R. (2007). "What are governments for?" *Medical Journal of Australia*, 187(11), 654.

McKee, M., & Raine, R. (2005). "Choosing health? First choose your philosophy." *The Lancet*, 365(9457), 369.

McMichael, A. J. (1999). "Prisoners of the proximate: loosening the constraints on epidemiology in an age of change." *American Journal of Epidemiology*, 149(10), 887–897.

Horwitz, Allan V. "Pharmaceuticals and the Medicalization of Social Life" in *The Risks of Prescription Drugs*. Ed. Donald W. Light. Columbia University Press. Pp.92-115.

Joseph Dumit. "Introduction" in *Drugs for Life: How Pharmaceutical Companies Define Our Health*. 2012. Duke University Press. Pp. 1-26.

## **February 15: Race, Class, Gender and Health Outcomes**

Prior to class watch: Unnatural Causes, episode 1: "In Sickness and in Wealth"

In-class presentation on Gender and Health

Harris, M. (1974). *Patterns of Race in the Americas*. W.W. Norton & Company: New York. "The Brazilian Pattern", "The Myth of the Friendly Master", "The Origin of the Descent Rule" & "Epilogue" pp. 54-99.

Prager, J. (1972/73). "White racial privilege and social change: An examination of theories of racism." *Berkeley Journal of Sociology* Vol 17: 117-150.

Williams, D.R., and Mohammed, S.A. 2023. "Racism and Health I: Pathways and Scientific Evidence." *American Behavioral Scientist* 57 (8) 1152-1173.

Greer, E. (1976) "Racism and U.S. Steel" in *Radical America*. September-October 1976. Vol 10, Number 5. Pp. 45-68.

Kawachi, I. et al. (2005). "Health Disparities By Race and Class: Why Both Matter." *Health Affairs*. Vol 24, No.2: 343-352.

Umberson D, et al. (2017) Death of family members as an overlooked source of racial disadvantage in the United States. *Proc Natl Acad Sci USA* Vol 14, No.5 :915–920. doi/10.1073/pnas.1605599114

Massey, D. (2017). "Why death haunts black lives." *Proc Natl Acad Sci USA* Vol. 114, No.5: 800-802. doi/10.1073/pnas.1620083114

Williams et al. (2016). "Understanding Associations Among Race, Socioeconomic Status, and Health: Patterns and Prospects." *Health Psychology* Vo. 35, No.4, 407-411.

## **March 8: The Political Economy and Public Health Consequences of Financial Crisis and Austerity**

In-class presentation on Keynes, Minsky, and Austerity

Stuckler, D., Meissner, C.M. and King, L.P. 2008. "Can a bank crisis break your heart?" *Globalization and Health* 4:1.

Suhrcke, M., and Stuckler, D. 2012. "Will the recession be bad for our health? It depends." *Soc Sci Med* 74:647-53.

Suhrcke, M. et al. 2011. "The Impact of Economic Crises on Communicable Disease Transmission and Control: A Systematic Review of the Evidence." *PLoS One* 6(6):e20724.

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Stuckler, D., et al. 2009. "The public health effect of economic crises and alternative policy responses in Europe: an empirical analysis." *The Lancet* 374(9686):315-23.

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Martin-Morena, J.M., et al. 2010. "The effects of the financial crisis on primary prevention of cancer." *European Journal of Cancer* 46(14):2525-33.

Khang, Y. et al. 2005. "Impact of economic crisis on cause-specific mortality in South Korea." *International Journal of Epidemiology* 34(6):1291-301.

Kim, H. et al. 2004. "Changes in mortality after the recent economic crisis in South Korea." *Annals of Epidemiology* 14(6):442-46.

Cylus, J. et al. 2012. "Is There a Statistical Relationship between Economic Crises and Changes in Government Health Expenditure Growth? An Analysis of Twenty-Four European Countries." *Health Services Research* 47(6):2204-24.

Currie, J. and Tekin, E. . 2011. "Is There A Link Between Foreclosure and Health." *NBER Working Paper* 17310.

Gurfinkel, EP, et al. 2005. "Socio economic crisis and mortality. Epidemiological testimony of the financial collapse of Argentina." *Thrombosis Journal* 13(3):22.

Catalano, R. A. 2009. "Health, Medical Care, and Economic Crisis." *New England Journal of Medicine* 360(8):749-51.

Reisen, W. K., et al. 2008. "Delinquent Mortgages, Neglected Swimming Pools, and West Nile Virus, California." *Emerging Infectious Diseases* 14(11):1747-49

Brand, H., et al. 2013. "Austerity policies in Europe - bad for health." *BMJ* 346.

Chang, S., et al. 2009. "Was the economic crisis 1997-1998 responsible for rising suicide rates in East/Southeast Asia? A time-trend analysis for Japan, Hong Kong, South Korea, Taiwan, Singapore and Thailand." *Social Science & Medicine* 68(7):1322-31.

Fowler, K.A. et al. 2015. "Increases in Suicides Associated with Home Evictions and Foreclosures during the US Housing Crisis: Findings from 16 National Violent Death Reporting System States, 2005-2010" *American Journal of Public Health* 105 (2):311-316.

Karanikolos, M., et al. 2013. "Financial crisis, austerity, and health in Europe." *The Lancet* 381(9874):1323-31.

Gili, Margalida et al. 2013. "The mental health risks of economic crisis in Spain: evidence from primary care centres, 2006 and 2010." *European Journal of Public Health* 23 (1)103-108.

Kentikelenis, A., et al. 2011. "Health effects of financial crisis: omens of a Greek tragedy." *The Lancet* 378(9801):1457-58.

Kondilies, E et al. 2013. "Economic Crisis, Restrictive Policies, and the Populations' Health and Health Care: The Greek Case." *American Journal of Public Health* 103 (6): 973-979.

Leider, J.P., et al. 2014. "Budget- and Priority-Setting Criteria at State Health Agencies in Times of Austerity: A Mixed-Methods Study." *American Journal of Public Health* 104 (6):1092-1099.

Loopstra, R. et al. 2016. "Austerity and old-age mortality in England: a longitudinal cross-local area analysis, 2007-2013." *Journal of the Royal Society of Medicine* 109 (3): 109-116.

Lusardi, A., et al. 2010. "The Economic Crisis and Medical Care Usage." NBER Working Paper Series, No. 15843, National Bureau of Economic Research, Cambridge, MA.

Gool, K.V and Peason, M. (2014) "Health, Austerity and Economic Crisis: Assessing the Short-term impact in OECD countries." OECD Health Working Papers. Mo. 76, OECD Publishing.

### **March 15: The Political Economy and health effects of deindustrialization and mass incarceration**

In class presentation on the political economy of deindustrialization

Scheiring, Gabor and Lawrence King. 'Deindustrialization, Social Disintegration, and Health: A Neoclassical Sociological Approach,' forthcoming in *Theory and Society*.

Venkataramani, Atheendar S., Elizabeth F. Bair, Rourke L. O'Brien and Alexander C. Tsai. 2020. "Association between Automotive Assembly Plant Closures and Opioid Overdose Mortality in the United States: A Difference-in-Differences Analysis." *JAMA Internal Medicine* 180(2):254-62.

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Wildeman, C., & Wang, E. A. (2017). "Mass incarceration, public health, and widening inequality in the USA." *The Lancet*, 389(10077), 1464–1474.

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Audureau, E., Rican, S., Coste, J. (2013) "From deindustrialization to individual health-related quality of life: Multilevel evidence of contextual predictors, mediators and modulators across French regions, 2003" *Health & Place* 22: 140-152.

Ostry, AS, M Barroetavena, R Hershler, S Kelly, PA Demers, K Teschke and D Hertzman. 2002. "Effect of De-Industrialisation on Working Conditions and Self Reported Health in a Sample of Manufacturing Workers." *Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health* 56(7):506-09.)

Renner, Craig and Vicente Navarro. 1989. "Why Is Our Population of Uninsured and Underinsured Persons Growing? The Consequences of the "Deindustrialization" of the United States." *International Journal of Health Services* 19(3):433-42.

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Kubrin, Charis E., Tim Wadsworth and Stephanie DiPietro. 2006. "Deindustrialization, Disadvantage and Suicide among Young Black Males." *Social Forces* 84(3):1559-79.

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Mathews, R., Maume, M., Miller, W. "Deindustrialization, Economic Distress, and Homicide Rates in Midsized Rustbelt Cities." *Homicide Studies*, Vol.5, No.2, May 2001: 83-113.

Hopper, K., Susser, E., Conover, S. "Economies of Makeshift: Deindustrialization and Homelessness in New York City" *Urban Anthropology* Vo.14 (1-3), 1985: 183-236.

Nosrati, Elias, Jacob Kang-Brown, Michael Ash, Martin McKee, Michael Marmot, and Lawrence P. King. 2021. "Incarceration and mortality in the United States." *SSM-Population Health*. 15. [Http://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssmph.2021.100827](http://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssmph.2021.100827).

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<https://doi.org/10.1093/ije/dyx243>

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Massoglia, M., 2008b. "Incarceration as Exposure: The Prison, Infectious Disease, and Other Stress-Related Illnesses." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, 49(1), pp.56–71.

Massoglia, M. & Pridemore, W.A., 2015. "Incarceration and Health." *Annual Review of Sociology*, 41, pp.291–310.

Spaulding, A.C. et al., 2011. "Prisoner Survival Inside and Outside of the Institution: Implications for Health-Care Planning." *American Journal of Epidemiology*, 173(5), pp.479–487.

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- Thomas, J. C., & Torrone, E. (2006). "Incarceration as Forced Migration: Effects on Selected Community Health Outcomes." *American Journal of Public Health*, 96(10), 1762–1765
- Golembeski, C., & Fullilove, R. (2005). "Criminal (in) justice in the city and its associated health consequences." *American Journal of Public Health*, 95(10), 1701–1706.
- Schnittker, J., Massoglia, M., & Uggen, C. (2011). "Incarceration and the health of the African American community." *Du Bois Review: Social Science Research on Race*, 8(01), 133–141.

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### **March 22: Understanding the corporation as a disease vector and the iconic case of corporate induced mass death**

Prior to class watch "The Corporation" (2003). Directors: Mark Achbar and Jennifer Abbot.

Charles Perrow. "Preparing The Ground" in *Organizing America: Wealth, Power, and the Origins of Corporate Capitalism*. Princeton University Press. 2002. Pp.22-47.

Rene Jahiel & Thomas Babor. "Industrial epidemics, public health advocacy and the alcohol industry: lessons from other fields" (2007). *Addiction*, 102, 1335-1339.  
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Watch: "The Tobacco Conspiracy: The Backroom Deals of a Deadly Industry." Director: Nadia Collot. 2006

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### **March 29: More corporate mass death: Big Food and Cars**

Prior to class watch Robert Lustig. Sugar: The Bitter Truth. ([Link](#))

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Prior to class watch *Taken for a Ride* (1996). Director: Jim Klein.

And/or read:

Edwin Black. 2006. *Internal Combustion: How Corporations And Governments Addicted The World To Oil And Derailed Alternatives*. St. Martin's Griffin. Pp.193-260.

Harper, S., Charters, T. J., & Strumpf, E. C. (2015). "Trends in Socioeconomic Inequalities in Motor Vehicle Accident Deaths in the United States, 1995-2010." *American Journal of Epidemiology*, 182(7), 606–614. <https://doi.org/10.1093/aje/kwv099>

Pope, C. A., & Dockery, D. W. (2006). "Health Effects of Fine Particulate Air Pollution: Lines that Connect." *Journal of the Air & Waste Management Association*, 56(6), 709–742. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10473289.2006.10464485>

## **April 5: Health Insurance**

Prior to class watch "Sicko" (2007). Director: Michael Moore.

Krugman, P. and Wells, R. "The Health Care Crisis and What to Do About It." March 23, 2006. *The New York Review of Books*.

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#### **April 12: Pharmaceutical research and pricing**

Watch the documentary “Fire In the Blood” (2013) Dylan Mohan Grey.

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#### **April 19: Harms of Prescription Drugs and the Opioid Epidemic**

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Zee, A. V. (2009) The Promotion and Marketing of OxyContin: Commercial Triumph, Public Health Tragedy. *American Journal of Public Health*, 99(2), 221-227

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