

The Faculty of Psychology
University of Bergen
Module in the training programme for researchers

Elective PhD Perspectives course offered by the Graduate School of
Human Interaction and Growth (GHIG)

**Questioning global hegemonic thinking:
new approaches in gender, generation and health**

Offered by Research Group: Multicultural Venues in Health and Education (MCVenues)

14-16 November 2012

Overview:

In the research fields of gender, generation and health certain key perspectives have gained hegemonic status, for example in health research biomedical and disease-oriented approaches tend to dominate. This course raises awareness of hegemonic thinking, encourages critical questioning of dominant theories and presents alternatives. Invited international speakers will introduce new approaches and participants will engage in critical discussion as well as having tutorial time with one of the invited speakers.

Objectives: This course seeks to stimulate critical questioning of hegemonic theories and perspectives in the fields of gender, generation and health.

Course literature: A list of required reading will be provided two months before the course

Preliminary time schedule:

Participants will be expected to have read all the required literature before the course starts.

Wed 14 Nov: Preparatory workshop

Thurs 15- Fri 16 Nov: Participation in MCVenues annual conference with invited international speakers. Tutorial meeting with one of the invited speakers.

Language of instruction: English

Registration: Participants must register for the course by 1 October 2012. Maximum number of participants: 12

Assessment format: Written assignment

ECTs: 3

Course co-ordinators: Marguerite Daniel, Haldis Haukanes, Torill Bull, Gro Lie

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Profile of invited speakers:



Vinh-Kim Nguyen is a medical anthropologist and an HIV physician. He practices at the Clinique médicale l'Actuel and in the Emergency Department at the Jewish General Hospital in Montréal (Canada). He is a researcher at the CRCHUM (Centre de recherches du Centre hospitalier de l'Université de Montréal) and is an associate professor in the Department of Social and Preventative Medicine at the University of Montreal where he heads the PhD programme in Health Promotion. He is the author of *The Republic of Therapy: Triage and Sovereignty in West Africa's Time of AIDS*; coauthor with Margaret Loc, of *An Anthropology of Biomedicine* and also the co-editor, with Jennifer Klot, of *The Fourth Wave: Violence, Gender, Culture, and HIV in the 21st Century*, and papers in HIV prevention and clinical epidemiology. His research interests include: access to treatment for HIV in developing countries; ethnography of humanitarian intervention; global inequality, bio-politics and social change; and urban cultures in Africa.



Anne Trine Kjørholt is professor in child research and director of the Norwegian Centre for Child Research, NTNU, Trondheim. The research at the centre is theoretically and methodologically anchored in the interdisciplinary social studies of children and childhood, and covers different topics such as globalisation, generation, everyday life and welfare in cross cultural perspective, early childhood care and education, time and space, consumption and media. Among her research interests are: childhood in a cross cultural perspective, children's rights and citizenship, early childhood education and care; policies and practices. Her publications include: *The modern child and the flexible labour market: early childhood education and care* (2012); *Children, food and identity in everyday life* (2009); *Global childhoods: globalisation, development and young people* (2008); *Beyond listening: children's perspectives on early childhood services* (2005).



Nici Nelson of the Dept. of Anthropology, Goldsmiths, London has published on urban anthropology; gender and development; approaches to development such as participatory methodologies and policy issues; gender and sexuality; urban livelihoods in the informal sector; child fostering; HIV/AIDS; and marriage and households with specific reference to East Africa. She has also done regular consultancies for aid and development organisations such as ACORD, the Eritrean Consortium, UNICEF and UNFPA, in Eastern and Southern Africa. She is currently exploring the developmental implications of gender and ageing in Africa. She is an editor of the journal, *Progress in Development Studies*.