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*This work deals with the
medical knowledge and beliefs*

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*of cultures outside of the
United States and Europe. In
addition to articles surveying
Islamic, Chinese, Native
American, Aboriginal
Australian, Indian, Egyptian,
and Tibetan medicine, the book*

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includes essays on comparing Chinese and western medicine and religion and medicine. Each essay is well illustrated and contains an extensive bibliography.

Readings in Health Care Ethics

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*provides a wide-ranging
selection of important and
engaging contributions to the
field of health care ethics.
Designed as a course text for
undergraduate use, the
anthology includes fifty-six*

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selections grouped into ten sections. Included are a wide range of the most important essays both on long standing issues in biomedical ethics (such as consent, euthanasia, and research involving human

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subjects); and on issues that have particularly come to the fore in recent years, such as the allocation of scarce medical resources, and genetic alteration. An extensive introduction provides a

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*accessible general overview of
ethical theory for those without
previous familiarity with
philosophical concepts.*

*Racial and ethnic disparities in
health care are known to reflect
access to care and other issues*

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*that arise from differing
socioeconomic conditions.*

*There is, however, increasing
evidence that even after such
differences are accounted for,
race and ethnicity remain
significant predictors of the*

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quality of health care received. In Unequal Treatment, a panel of experts documents this evidence and explores how persons of color experience the health care environment. The book examines how disparities

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in treatment may arise in health care systems and looks at aspects of the clinical encounter that may contribute to such disparities. Patients' and providers' attitudes, expectations, and behavior are

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analyzed. How to intervene?

Unequal Treatment offers

recommendations for

improvements in medical care

financing, allocation of care,

availability of language

translation, community-based

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care, and other arenas. The committee highlights the potential of cross-cultural education to improve provider-patient communication and offers a detailed look at how to integrate cross-cultural

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*learning within the health
professions. The book
concludes with
recommendations for data
collection and research
initiatives. Unequal Treatment
will be vitally important to*

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*health care policymakers,
administrators, providers,
educators, and students as well
as advocates for people of
color.*

*Elastic language is a
phenomenon in linguistics that*

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refers to how we stretch the meanings of words, depending on the context in which they are used - for example many, about 20, perhaps, could be. This study looks specifically at elastic language in the fields of

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*medicine and healthcare,
showing how it is used to serve
both the patient's and the
professional's needs. It explores
the pragmatics and
metapragmatics of elasticity in
the delivery of online medical*

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*information as a way of
avoiding miscommunication.
Based on data from Chinese
and English sources, it takes a
cross-cultural perspective, to
present an account of harmony
and disharmony between*

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*professional medical websites
and their users. Adding exciting
new dimensions to the fields of
health communication and
pragmatics, it is essential
reading for scholars and
advanced students in*

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*semantics, pragmatics,
discourse analysis and
interactional linguistics, as well
as professionals involved in
healthcare and communication.
Stigma, Discrimination and
Living with HIV/AIDS*

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*Cross-Cultural Perspectives on
the (Im)Possibility of Global
Bioethics*

Consciousness Studies

*Barriers to Cross Cultural
Health Education*

Women as Healers

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*Religion and Sexuality in Cross-
Cultural Perspective*

*Domestic violence is a
global phenomenon occurring
among people of all races,
ages, social economic
status, educational and*

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religious backgrounds.

*Family roles, values,
customs and expectations are
deeply rooted within a
persons culture and
religious traditions. As our
society becomes increasingly
multi-cultural, it is*

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critical that we understand domestic violence within a cross-cultural context. Such an understanding will enable us to develop culturally appropriate interventions in addressing the issue of domestic violence in our

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communities. Many community and religious leaders are not familiar of the incidence of domestic violence among immigrant population and lack the knowledge of the effect of domestic violence on the

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victims, their children, the legal implications and the resources available for them. This book is written for health professionals, religious and community leaders in a simple language to make them familiar with

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*some unique feature of
people following different
religions and cultures.*

*Up until now, many articles
have been written to portray
stigma and discrimination
which occur with people
living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA)*

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*in many parts of the world.
But this is the first book
which attempts to put
together results from
empirical research relating
to stigma, discrimination
and living with HIV/AIDS.
The focus of this book is on*

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issues relevant to stigma and discrimination which have occurred to individuals and groups in different parts of the globe, as well as how these individuals and groups attempt to deal with HIV/AIDS. The book comprises

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*chapters written by
researchers who carry out
their projects in different
parts of the world and each
chapter contains empirical
information based on real
life situations. This can be
used as an evidence for*

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*health care providers to
implement socially and
culturally appropriate
services to assist
individuals and groups who
are living with HIV/AIDS in
many societies. The book is
of interest to health care*

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*providers who have their
interests in working with
individuals and groups who
are living with HIV/AIDS
from a cross-cultural
perspective. It will be
useful for students and
lecturers in courses such as*

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*anthropology, sociology,
social work, nursing, public
health and medicine. In
particular, it will assist
health workers in community
health centres and hospitals
in understanding issues
related to HIV/AIDS and*

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hence provide culturally sensitive health care to people living with HIV/AIDS from different social and cultural backgrounds. The book is useful for anyone who is interested in HIV/AIDS-related stigma and

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*discrimination in diverse
social and cultural
settings.*

*Explicitly dealing with the
religious aspects of healing
and healers, this unique and
intriguing book examines
illness, healing, and*

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*religion in cross-cultural
perspective by looking at
how sickness is understood
and treated in a wide
variety of cultures.*

*Centered around three
principle themes, the text:
A) illustrates how crucial*

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it is to frame illness in a meaningful context in every culture and how this process is almost always bound up with religious, spiritual, and moral concerns; B) shows how many beliefs, strategies, and practices

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*that characterize
traditional cultures also
appear in Christianity,
putting healing in the
Christian tradition in a
broad, rational context,
and; C) discusses the
continuities between*

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*traditional, explicitly
religious, and modern
medical cultures --
demonstrating that many
features of modern
scientific medicine are
symbolic and ritualistic,
and that many aspects and*

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*practices of modern medicine
are similar to healing as
seen in traditional, pre-
scientific medical cultures.
For those in the religious,
anthropological and medical
professions.*

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*Health, Healing, and
Religion*

*The Primordial Mind in
Health and Illness*

Disparities in Psychiatric

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Care

*A Cross-cultural Perspective
Rethinking Culture in Health
Communication*

*Patients and Healers in the
Context of Culture*

Altruism in Cross-Cultural
Perspective provides such a

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scholarly overview, examining the intersection of culture and such topics as evolutionary accounts of altruism and the importance of altruism in ritual and religion. The past decade has seen a proliferation of research on

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altruism, made possible in part by significant funding from organizations such as the John Templeton Foundation. While significant research has been conducted on biological, social, and individual dimensions of altruism,

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there has been no attempt to provide an overview of the ways that altruistic behavior and attitudes vary across cultures. The book addresses the methodological challenges of researching altruism across cultures, as well as the ways

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that altruism is manifest in difficult circumstances. A particular strength of the book is its attention to multiple disciplinary approaches to understanding altruism, with contributors from fields including psychology, anthropology,

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sociology, biology, communication,
philosophy, religious studies,
gender studies, and bioethics.

This volume provides readers with
a one-stop, authoritative guide to
the major themes and debates in
health psychology, both past and

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present.

In today's globalised world, it is increasingly important to understand the otherness of different societies and their beliefs, histories and practices. This book focuses on a burning cultural issue:

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how concepts and constructions of gender and sexuality impact upon health, medicine and healthcare. Starting from the premise that health is neither a universal nor a unitary concept, it offers a series of interdisciplinary analyses of what

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sickness and well-being have been, are and can be. The originality of this book is its cross-cultural and trans-historical approach. Bringing together specially commissioned work by both major critical voices and young scholars in fields

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ranging from anthropology and art history to philosophy, political science and sociology, this volume challenges many traditional assumptions about gender, medicine and health-care. Issues addressed include: the politics and

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realities of female genital mutilation;
sex-work and migration; the
portrayal of mothering in
contemporary African writing; the
representation of AIDS in literature,
photography and the media; the
place of gender in ancient Egyptian

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health papyri; the dramatisation of morality and sexual over-indulgence in Thai literature; the relationship between myths of menstruation and power in early modern England; the role of anger in traditional Chinese medicine; and

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the ways in which both disease and sexual identities were redefined by cholera in the nineteenth century. The wide-ranging Introduction provides a historical and theoretical framework for what is defined here as Cultural Medicine, whilst fifteen

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original essays demonstrate from different perspectives that health is not merely a physiological and medical issue, but also a cultural and ethical one. An invaluable research and study resource, this book is written in a clear and

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accessible style and will be of interest to the general reader as well as to students of all levels, to teachers of a wide range of disciplines, and to specialist researchers of cultural studies and of medicine.

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This volume presents various perspectives on altered states of consciousness and mental health and places them within the boundaries of cross-cultural psychology. Part One considers theoretical and methodological

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issues in the study of altered states of consciousness; Parts Two and Three link altered states of consciousness and mental health by focusing on both its therapeutic and pathological aspects. The final section concentrates on models

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highlighting a variety of paradigms
and diverse methodological
approaches.

Social Interactions as Intercultural
Encounters

Not Just a North American
Phenomenon

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History and Practice of Medicine in
Non-Western Cultures
Organizational Psychology in Cross
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Childbirth and Authoritative
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New Perspectives in Health Care

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Ethics

Primary Care physicians often run into unexpected cultural obstacles when dealing with patients of different ethnicities. This book includes information essential to physicians' understanding in the

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treatment of African Americans, Latinos, Asian Americans, Native Americans and Arab and Muslim Americans. Other chapters address issues of spirituality and religion in medicine and caring for immigrant populations.

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The ethical theories employed in health care today assume, in the main, a modern Western philosophical framework. Yet the diversity of cultural and religious assumptions regarding human nature, health and illness, life and

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death, and the status of the individual suggest that a cross-cultural study of health care ethics is needed. A Cross-Cultural Dialogue on Health Care Ethics provides this study. It shows that ethical questions can be resolved by examining the

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ethical principles present in each culture, critically assessing each value, and identifying common values found within all traditions, It encourages the development of global awareness and sensitivity to and respect for the diversity of

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peoples and their values and will advance understanding as well as help to foster a greater balance and a fuller truth in consideration of the human condition and what makes for health and wholeness.

The last two decades have seen an

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explosive increase in the ethnic diversity of the workforce, growth in international business, and the emergence of many more multinational companies. The potential for problems as companies operate across borders and managers

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manage in countries which have different values, norms and cultural behaviors is great. By looking at organizational psychology in a cross-cultural context, we can gain an understanding of the challenges facing organizations and business

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today. This text breaks new ground in introducing organizational psychology from a cross cultural perspective. It provides a foundational overview of the current major theories in organizational psychology, and illuminates the

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impact of cultural differences on organizational dynamics. It also makes available specific research concerning our current understandings of how these dynamics play out in particular regions and countries, such as

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autocratic versus democratic
leadership styles in Africa and
Europe or conflict management in
Asia. The volume offers a welcome
introduction to the topic to those in
industrial/organizational
psychology, international relations

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and management, and international
business/MBA programs focusing
on international issues.

This book offers evidence-based
clinical approaches for
understanding disparities in the
provision of mental-health services

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in the U.S. and other industrialized nations. Chapters address the availability and barriers to care among various ethnic populations and the roles of their cultures, languages, and religions as they affect diagnostic and treatment

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approaches. Issues related to special populations such as migrants, refugees, incarcerated individuals, and the homeless are discussed. The book also addresses issues related to gender, sexual orientation, and age. Brief sections on training, education,

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and policy will lay the foundation for assessing evidence-based approaches and outcomes in these diverse populations.

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Perspectives from Medical
Anthropology

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Cross-Cultural Perspectives

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Unequal Treatment:

Hot-cold Food and Medical
Theories

An international look at the similarities

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and differences of long-lasting trauma
Trauma and Dissociation in a Cross-
Cultural Perspective examines the
psychological, sociological, political,
economic, and cultural aspects of
trauma and its consequences on
people around the world. Dispelling
the myth that trauma-related

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dissociative disorders are a North American phenomenon, this unique book travels through more than a dozen countries to analyze the effects of long-lasting traumatization-both natural and man-made-on adults and children. Working from theoretical and clinical perspectives, the field's

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leading experts address trauma in situations that range from the psychological effects of “the Troubles” in Northern Ireland to the emergence of “Hikikomori,” the phenomenon of social withdrawal in Japanese youth. Reactions to trauma can be both unique according to a person’s culture

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and similar to the experiences of others around the world. Dissociation, intense grief, anger, and survivor's guilt are common responses as people split off mentally, physically, and emotionally from the source of the trauma, whether it's an act of nature (tsunami, earthquake, flood, etc.) or

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the trauma created by violence, physical, sexual, and emotional abuse, assault, confinement, kidnapping, and war. Trauma and Dissociation in a Cross-Cultural Perspective examines the efforts of clinicians and researchers in Europe, Asia, the Middle East, South America, Australia,

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and New Zealand to develop sociopsychological methods of providing counseling to people who are suffering physically, emotionally and spiritually, training for professionals counted on to dispense that counseling, and economic and political solutions that might help to

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limit the devastating effects of natural disasters. Trauma and Dissociation in a Cross-Cultural Perspective examines: the tensions between the National Health Service and the private sector in the United Kingdom how the Mandarin version of the Dissociative Experiences Scale (DES)

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is used in China Djinnai, a culture-bound syndrome and possession trance disorder found in Iran how colonialism has transmitted trauma to the Maori people of New Zealand transgenerational trauma in Turkey religious rituals and spirit possession in the Philippines “memory wars” in

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Israel traumatic syndromes among the
French differences in dissociative
experiences among Chinese and
Japanese youth childhood trauma in
Argentina and much more Trauma and
Dissociation in a Cross-Cultural
Perspective is an enlightening
professional resource for anyone

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working in psychology, sociology,
psychiatry, and psychotherapy.

Kleinman, a psychiatrist, trained in
anthropology, reports on his studies of
health care in Taiwan. He describes
his observations of clinical interviews
between various medical practitioner,
folk-healers, temple medicine men,

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and Chinese-style and Western-style physicians and their patients. He stress the importance of adopting the proper cultural perspective, making ones interpretations within that framework.

The universal quest to create cosmologies – to comprehend the

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relationship between mind and world - is inevitably limited by the social, cultural and historical perspective of the observer, in this instance western psychoanalysis. In this book Michael Robbins attempts to transcend such contextual limitations by putting forward a primordial form of mental

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activity that co-exists alongside thought and is of equal importance in human affairs. This book challenges the western assumption that knowledge is synonymous with rational thought and that the aspect of mind that is not thought is immature, irrational, regressive and pathological.

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Robbins illustrates the central role of primordial mental activity in spiritual cultures analogous to that of thought in western culture as well as its significant contributions to numerous other phenomena including dreaming, language, creativity, shamanism and psychosis. In addition to his extensive

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clinical experience as a psychoanalyst
Robbins draws on first-hand contact
with Maori and other shamanistic
cultures. Vividly illustrated by first and
second hand accounts, this book will
be of great interest to psychoanalysts,
those with a psychological interest in
spiritual cultures as well as those in

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the fields of developmental psychology, cultural anthropology, neuroscience, aesthetics and linguistics.

Developments in health, science and technology have long provided fertile analytical ground for social science disciplines. This book focuses on the

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critical and enduring importance of core concepts in anthropology and sociology for interrogating and keeping pace with developments in the life sciences. The authors consider how transformations in medical and scientific knowledge serve to reanimate older controversies, giving

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new life to debates about relations between society, culture, knowledge and individuals. They reflect on the particular legacies and ongoing relevance of concepts such as 'culture', 'society', 'magic', 'production', 'kinship', 'exchange' and 'the body'. The chapters draw on

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the work of key historical and contemporary figures across the social sciences and include a range of illustrative case studies to explore topics such as transplant medicine, genetic counselling, cancer therapy, reproductive health and addiction. Of particular interest to students and

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scholars of anthropology, sociology,
and science and technology studies,
this volume will also be a valuable
resource for those working in the fields
of health and medicine.

The SAGE Handbook of Health
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Altered States of Consciousness and
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Social Science Perspectives on
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Interpretation in Couple and Family
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***Cross- Cultural Perspectives in
Medical Ethics, Second Edition, is
an anthology of the latest and
best readings on the medical
ethics of as many of the major
religious, philosophical, and
medical traditions that are
available today.***

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***Rethinking Culture in Health
Communication An
interdisciplinary overview of
health communication using a
cultural lens—uniquely focused
on social interactions in health
contexts Patients, health
professionals, and policymakers***

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embody cultural constructs that impact healthcare processes. Rethinking Culture in Health Communication explores the ways in which culture influences healthcare, introducing new approaches to understanding social relationships and health

policies as a dynamic process involving cultural values, expectations, motivations, and behavioral patterns. This innovative textbook integrates theories and practices in health communication, public health, and medicine to help students

relate fundamental concepts to their personal experiences and develop an awareness of how all individuals and groups are shaped by culture. The authors present a foundational framework explaining how cultures can be understood from four

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***perspectives—Magic
Consciousness, Mythic
Connection, Perspectival
Thinking, and Integral Fusion—to
examine existing theories, social
norms, and clinical practices in
health-related contexts. Detailed
yet accessible chapters discuss***

culture and health behaviors, interpersonal communication, minority health and healthcare delivery, cultural consciousness, social interactions, sociopolitical structure, and more. The text features examples of how culture can create challenges in access,

process, and outcomes of healthcare services and includes scenarios in which individuals and institutions hold different or incompatible ethical views. The text also illustrates how cultural perspectives can shape the theoretical concepts emerged in

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caregiver-patient communication, provider-patient interactions, social policies, public health interventions, and other real-life settings. Written by two leading health communication scholars, this textbook: Highlights the sociocultural, interprofessional,

***clinical, and ethical aspects of
health communication Explores
the intersections of social
relationships, cultural
tendencies, and health theories
and behaviors Examines the
various forms, functions, and
meanings of health, illness, and***

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healthcare in a range of cultural contexts Discusses how cultural elements in social interactions are essential to successful health interventions Includes foundational overviews of health communication and of culture in health-related fields Discusses

***culture in health administration,
moral values in social policies,
and ethics in medical
development Incorporates
various aspects and impacts of
the COVID-19 pandemic as a
cultural phenomenon through the
lens of health communication***

Rethinking Culture in Health Communication is an ideal textbook for courses in health communication, particularly those focused on interpersonal communication, as well as in cross-cultural communication, cultural phenomenology, medical

sociology, social work, public health, and other health-related fields.

This unique textbook eloquently introduces students to international perspectives on cross-cultural psychology (both Eastern and Western cultures),

adopting a truly accessible narrative approach throughout. The main thrust of the book's content is to discuss the framework of culture, family structure, health, and bereavement. Intercultural interaction—and all of their

intersections—and consideration are also given to methodological and ethical research issues and their application to differing cultures.

This handbook brings together 26 ethnographic research reports from around the world about

communication. The studies explore 13 languages from 17 countries across 6 continents. Together, the studies examine, through cultural analyses, communication practices in cross-cultural perspective. In doing so, and as a global community of

scholars, the studies explore the diversity in ways communication is understood around the world, examine specific cultural traditions in the study of communication, and thus inform readers about the range of ways communication is understood

around the world. Some of the communication practices explored include complaining, hate speech, irreverence, respect, and uses of the mobile phone. The focus of the handbook, however, is dual in that it brings into view both communication as

an academic discipline and its use to unveil culturally situated practices. By attending to communication in these ways, as a discipline and a specific practice, the handbook is focused on, and will be an authoritative resource for understanding

communication in cross-cultural perspective. Designed at the nexus of various intellectual traditions such as the ethnography of communication, linguistic ethnography, and cultural approaches to discourse, the handbook employs, then, a

***general approach which, when
used, understands
communication in its particular
cultural scenes and communities.
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Eastern and Western Perspectives***

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***Understanding Cross-Cultural
Psychology***

***Elasticity in Healthcare
Communication***

***The Handbook of Communication
in Cross-cultural Perspective***

In Women as Healers, thirteen
contributors explore the intersection of

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feminist anthropology and medical anthropology in eleven case studies of women in traditional and emergent healing roles in diverse parts of the world. In a spectrum of healing roles ranging from family healers to shamans, diviner-mediums, and midwives, women throughout the world

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pursue strategic ends through healing, manipulate cultural images to effect cures and explain misfortune, and shape and are shaped by the social and political contexts in which they work. In an introductory chapter, Carol Shepherd McClain traces the evolution of ideas in medical anthropology and in

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the anthropology of women that have both constrained and expanded our understanding of the significance of gender to healing-one of the most fundamental and universal of human activities. The contributors include Carol Shepherd McClain, Ruthbeth Finerman, Carolyn Nordstrom, Carole

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H. Browner, William Wedenoja, Marjery Foz, Barbara Kerewsky-Halpern, Laurel Kendall, Merrill Signer, Roberto Garcia, Edward C. Green, Carolyn Sargent, and Margaret Reid.

Consciousness is perplexing: too familiar and intimate to ignore, too complex and elusive to understand.

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Although consciousness is embedded in all our experience and is considered basic to all our knowing, no one seems to know what exactly it is, and the concept is both widely used and much abused. For the better part of the twentieth century, the study of consciousness was viewed as unworthy

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of scholarly and scientific pursuit. Research has consequently suffered. This cross-cultural examination first explores the varieties of conscious experience and reflects on the attempts to understand and explain consciousness in the Western scholarly and scientific tradition. The next section

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deals with Eastern spiritual traditions and how they differ with and complement the Western viewpoints. In the final chapters the author reconciles the two traditions for a comprehensive understanding of what consciousness is, and considers how such an understanding may be helpful for a

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cross-cultural assessment of behavior, as well as for enhancing human abilities and wellness.

Tong, a well-known biomedical ethicist, combines medical ethics, bioethics, and her own unique insights to provide a comprehensive survey of contemporary health care ethics issues. KEY

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TOPICS: Among the topics discussed in this book are complementary and alternative medicine; contraception and sterilization; infertility and assisted reproduction; and surrogate motherhood; genetic testing (screening and counseling); genetic therapy; biomedical and behavioral research;

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and euthanasia and assisted suicide.
MARKET: A useful reference work for those in the health care industry. This collection of contemporary clinically-oriented papers covers a range of theoretical approaches to the fundamentally important technical issue of interpretation. It offers thought-

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provoking, cross-cultural clinical perspectives about interpretation with illustrations from cutting edge clinical practice with couples and families. Divided into three sections, the first part of the book examines interpretation within the broader field of psychoanalysis, and notes how it has

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been applied to couple and family psychoanalysis. Part II considers the current use of interpretation with couples, including how it informs assessment, while Part III focuses on its application with families and considers a broad range of key topics, including the nature of family, social

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and intergenerational links, the arrival of a newborn, same sex couples' families, bereavement in a family, and families with adolescent children. Each chapter includes a lively discussion piece. Interpretation in Couple and Family Psychoanalysis: Cross-Cultural Perspectives represents a major

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contribution to the field of couple and family psychoanalysis. It reflects the fruits of an unparalleled era of global collaboration and the resultant re-shaping of approaches to clinical practice with couples and families. Mental health professionals dealing with couples and families will find it to

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have immediate relevance to their clinical work, either in their institutional or private practice.

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Medical or bio-ethics has in recent
years been a growth industry.

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Journals, Centers and Associations devoted to the subject proliferate. Medical schools seem increasingly to be filling rare positions in the humanities and social sciences with ethicists. Hardly a day passes without some media scrutiny of one or another ethical dilemma resulting from our new-

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found ability to transform the natural conditions of life. Although bioethics is a self-consciously interdisciplinary field, it has not attracted the collaboration of many social scientists. In fact, social scientists who specialize in the study of medicine have in many cases watched its development with a

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certain ambivalence. No one disputes the significance and often the painfulness of the issues and choices being addressed. But there is something about the way these issues are usually handled which seems somehow inappropriate if not wrong-headed to one trained in a discipline

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like sociology or history. In their analyses of complex situations, ethicists often appear grandly oblivious to the social and cultural context in which these occur, and indeed to empirical referents of any sort. Nor do they seem very conscious of the cultural specificity of many of the

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values and procedures they utilize when making ethical judgments. The unease felt by many in the social sciences was given articulate expression in a paper by Renee Fox and Judith Swazey which appeared in 1984.

This benchmark collection of cross-

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cultural essays on reproduction and childbirth extends and enriches the work of Brigitte Jordan, who helped generate and define the field of the anthropology of birth. The authors' focus on authoritative knowledge—the knowledge that counts, on the basis of which decisions are made and actions

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taken—highlights the vast differences between birthing systems that give authority of knowing to women and their communities and those that invest it in experts and machines. *Childbirth and Authoritative Knowledge* offers first-hand ethnographic research conducted by anthropologists in

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sixteen different societies and cultures and includes the interdisciplinary perspectives of a social psychologist, a sociologist, an epidemiologist, a staff member of the World Health Organization, and a community midwife. Exciting directions for further research as well as pressing needs for

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policy guidance emerge from these illuminating explorations of authoritative knowledge about birth. This book is certain to follow Jordan's Birth in Four Cultures as the definitive volume in a rapidly expanding field. The goal of this volume is to examine academic discourse (AD) from cross-

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linguistic and cross-cultural perspectives. The adjective Cross-cultural in the volume title is not just limited to national contexts but also includes a cross-disciplinary perspective. Twelve scientific fields are under scrutiny in the articles. One of the unique aspects of the volume is

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the inclusion of a variety of foreign languages (English (as a lingua franca), Spanish, French, Swedish, Russian, German, Italian, and Norwegian). Besides, in several articles dealing with oral AD, comparisons and parallels are also established with written AD. The

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research methodologies used in the studies are varied and they offer an overview of the diversity and richness of approaches to AD. All in all, it is hoped that the volume appeals not only to young researchers but also to confirmed scholars interested in cross-linguistic and cross-cultural aspects of

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AD. It will also be of interest to language teachers or teachers who are involved with e.g. international students and academic mobility.

Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Couples with Mixed HIV Status: Beyond Positive/Negative

Cross-Linguistic and Cross-Cultural

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Perspectives on Academic Discourse
Old Concepts, New Problems
An Exploration of the Borderland
Between Anthropology, Medicine, and
Psychiatry
Trauma and Dissociation in a Cross-
Cultural Perspective
Confronting Racial and Ethnic

Disparities in Health Care (with CD)

This edited volume presents a detailed portrait of couples living with mixed HIV status, where one partner is HIV-positive and the other negative. Readers will come

**to understand the various
and complex ways in which
these mixed-status, or
serodiscordant couples build
a life together within the
shadow of HIV-related
stigma. Spanning the globe,**

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**coverage explores
serodiscordance as a
negotiated practice and
process, inseparable from
the social context in which it
is situated. The book shows
how couples draw on diverse**

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**and sometimes contradictory
cultural discourses of
medicine, romance, and
“normality” to make sense of
and manage their mixed HIV
status and any perceived
risks, not uncommonly in**

**ways that depart from
prevailing HIV prevention
messages. Throughout,
compelling personal stories
accompany the empirical
research, sharing the
firsthand experiences of men**

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**and women in
serodiscordant relationships.
Bringing together research
from diverse disciplines and
geographical regions, this
book contributes important
insights for future HIV**

health promotion as well as offers new knowledge to scholarship on the cultural intersections of illness and intimacy. It will appeal to a broad audience working across the fields of HIV,

**health, gender, sexuality,
development, and human
rights.**

**Issues of sexuality and
gender are hotly contested
in both religious
communities and national**

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cultures around the world.

**In the social sciences,
religious traditions are often
depicted as inherently
conservative or even
reactionary in their
commitments to powerful**

**patriarchal and pronatalist
sexual norms and gender
categories. In illuminating
the practices of religious
traditions in various
cultures, these essays expose
the diversity of religious**

**rituals and mythologies
pertaining to sexuality. In
the process the contributors
challenge conventional
notions of what is normative
in our sexual lives.**

The contributions to this

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**volume grew out of papers
presented at an
international conference
Individual, Community &
Society: Bioethics in the
Third Millennium, held in
Hong Kong, Special**

**Administrative Region of the
People's Republic of China,
between 25-28 May 1999.**

**The conference was
organized by the Centre for
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**Policy, and Ethics in
Contemporary China
Research Group, in the
Faculty of Humanities and
Social Sciences at the City
University of Hong Kong.
The conference brought**

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together scholars from east and west to investigate the challenges to caring and to traditional moral authorities that would confront bioethics in the third millennium. They explored

**the implications of moral
loss and moral diversity in
post-traditional and post-
modern societies, and how
these would shape the
character of medical care
and bioethics discourse in**

**the new era. A proceedings
volume under the same title
of Individual, Community &
Society: Bioethics in the
Third Millennium, was
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