

**Individual, Health and Society**

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**Use of languages**

Principal working language: catalan (cat)

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**Prerequisites**

There are none.

**Objectives and Contextualisation**

The module consists in a critical historical study of the processes of medicalization and psychologization (both m:

**Content**

**The module is structured in two blocks that will be held simultaneously**

Presentation: Medicalization and psychologization.

**Block 1. Individual, mind and society in the history of the human sciences**

**I. The human being as a historical object**

- 1.1. Writing the history of the subject: the body, the mind, the experiences.
- 1.2. Writing the history of mental illnesses.
- 1.3. An example of gender: From the possessed woman to the hysterical woman.
- 1.4. Science and 'pseudoscience': psychic researchs.
- 1.5. Medicalization, 'psychologization' and prosecution of religious experience.

**II. The human being as object and scientific subject: methodologies and debates (17th-20th centuries)**

- 2.1. The human being as psychological object.
- 2.2. Evolutionism and the naturalization of the soul.
- 2.3. The measurement of the mind.
- 2.4. The science of the soul in Spain before the Civil War.
- 2.5. The science of the soul in Spain after the Civil War.
- 2.6. The human being as an object of medical research: the Tuskegee experiment.

**III. The human being as object and scientific subject: recent debates**

- 3.1. Body and person in the Christian tradition.
- 3.3. The history of the brain science.
- 3.5. Contemporary Neurocultures.

**Block 2. The process of medicalization. Scientific discourse and social perceptions**

Introduction. Health, culture and medicalization.

**I. Public health and the process of medicalization (18th-19th centuries).**

- 1.1. From individual disease to collective health.
- 1.2. Public health, the Hippocratic environmentalism and the "sanitary idea".
- 1.3. Technology and science in medicine: the laboratory and the process of medicalization.
- 1.4. Coloniality of scientific power: medicine in the Spanish protectorate in Morocco.
- 1.5. Monopolization of knowledge and professional marginalization: the role of the veterinarian in the process of medicalization.

**II. The process of medicalization in class society**

- 2.1. Social medicine, working class revolution. Strategies medical intervention in the social question.
- 2.2. The construction of health culture: Homo hygienicus and civilizing processes.
- 2.3. Evolutionary theories and the process of medicalization.
- 2.4. The medicalization of crime and their critics.

**III. The issue of gender in the process of medicalization**

- 3.1. Elements of gender systems: gender symbolism, gender structure and single gender.
- 3.2. The gendering of science and medicine.
- 3.3. Women as agents and objects of (de)medicalization.
- 3.4. Analysis of the scientific and medical disclosure: media, gender and medicalization.