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Medical anthropology faces today novel and productive challenges in its relation to biomedicine, public health and international health policy, whether as fields of investigation or collaboration. What are the specific contributions of a medical anthropological approach to carrying out research within a biomedical context, in the global north and the global south? Health, illness and medicine are ubiquitous in contemporary public debates, but are rarely investigated critically. We will examine the challenges medical anthropologists face in research collaborations with public health, international health organisations, and medical professionals.

This course takes you to examine issues such as ‘the body’, digital health, mental health, hospital ethnography, pharmaceuticals, anatomy, and assisted reproductive technologies.