

Employment and health inequalities (21835)

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Syllabus

The economic, political, social and technological changes in recent decades have profoundly transformed forms of production, types and characteristics of companies and, the employment and working conditions of millions of workers throughout the world in general. New risk factors and health problems are emerging alongside traditional work-related illnesses, many of which are invisible, little-known or difficult to investigate, and they are unevenly distributed among the working population. Using a scientific and cross-disciplinary analytical approach, this course critically examines the production, distribution, causes and interventions associated with the employment and working conditions related to the generating of health inequalities at global and national level. Topics examined include the chief characteristics of public health and occupational health; the origins and impact of globalisation; social determinants and the production of health inequalities; the main employment and working conditions with special emphasis on unemployment, lack of job security and casual work, and the interventions, participation and policies that can help to improve the health of all workers.

Topic 1. The social determinants of public health and occupational health

Topic 2. Globalization, economic crisis, work and health

Topic 3. Companies, work and health

Topic 4. Health inequalities

Topic 5. Employment and working conditions

Topic 6. Social, work and health interrelations

Topic 7. Recession, unemployment and health inequalities

Topic 8. Lack of job security and health inequality

Topic 9. Policies, interventions and labour and health participation

Topic 10. New forms of organising work and effects on health