

Death and Dying Research Group 2017 Seminar Series



Future Seminar Dates....

Tuesday 21st February 2017 1.30pm Room CMR11

Thinking Differently About Death: Discussing Pet Death *and* the Use of Art to Talk about Death

Tuesday 21st March 2017 1.30pm Room CMR11

The Use of Sedation in Dying Patients

Tuesday 18th April 2017 1.30pm Room CMR11

Death Towards the Beginning of Life

Tuesday 16th May 2017 1.30pm Room Library Seminar 1+2

Subject TBC

Tuesday 20th June 2017 1.30pm Room CMR 11

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Tuesday 18th July 2017 1.30pm Room Library Seminar 1+2

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Tuesday 15th August 1.30pm Room CMR 11

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Further dates for rest of 2017 TBC

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About our Speaker...



Shahaduz Zaman has an interdisciplinary background with degrees in Medical Anthropology, Public Health and Medicine. He is currently working as a Research Fellow at the School of Interdisciplinary Studies, University of Glasgow with a Wellcome Trust funded project 'Global Interventions at the End of Life'.

He has several years of experience in conducting research and teaching in global public health. Before joining University of Glasgow he was working with Newcastle University, UK and coordinated two multi-country global health research projects involving Eastern Mediterranean and South Asian countries.

He has written several peer-reviewed journal articles. He also has written books and book chapters on medical anthropological aspects of global health. Shahaduz Zaman was born and brought up in Bangladesh, and started his career as a community health physician in the rural parts of the country. Before moving to UK in 2009 he was working at the School of Global Health, BRAC University, Bangladesh.

About the Research ...

Common or multiple futures for end of life care interventions around the world? Ideas from 'Waiting room of History'

Around the world there is increasing interest in end of life issues. In coming decades, the world can expect its annual death toll to increase significantly from the 56 million people who currently die each year. An unprecedented number of people dying will put new strains on families, communities, services and governments. It will also have implications for representations of death and dying within society, for debates about 'medical aid in dying', and for the overall orientation of health and social care systems. At the same time, death from natural and human made disaster will bring elements of unpredictability to the debate about how to generate appropriate responses to the growing incidence of global dying and death. However, the appropriate societal responses to the issue of delivering culturally relevant and sustainable forms of end of life care in different settings are not subjects of broad agreement.

In this presentation I focus on the emerging narratives of global end of life care interventions and offer an assessment of their implications. I relate this to calls to improve end of life care across jurisdictions and settings, attempts to map and grade the development of palliative care provision, and to the emergence of a widely recognised global 'quality of death index'. I consider an alternative approach to framing this debate, drawn from a subaltern and post-colonial studies perspective and suggest that adopting a truly global perspective will require acceptance of the plurality of past and present local problems and issues relating to end of life care, as well as the plural possibilities of how they might be overcome. In that context, we would not aim to universalise or privilege one particular global future for end of life care. Instead of homogenising end of life interventions, I seek to be open to multiple futures for the care of the dying.