The Migration Seminar - Fall 2016

Welcome to a research seminar with Katarina Sjögren Fors, PhD, Post-Doc researcher, Faculty of Health and Society, Department of Care Science, Malmö University.

Time: Thursday 8 September, 14.15 - 16.00, welcome to mingle after the seminar

Place: Lounge room, 9th floor, MIM, Niagara, Nordenskiöldsgatan 1, Malmö University
(Gathering for the seminar at sharp 14.05 at the ground floor next to the Reception in Niagara. Please contact Merja Skaffari-Multala 040-665 7117 for help.)

Title: Cultural competence among health care professionals: Knowledge and skills needed for delivering a cultural competent care to improve health among refugees

Abstract:

The Swedish health care system are at present facing multiple unprecedented challenges. One of the most emergent is the general lack of readiness to handle and understand the health and care needs of the rapidly increasing numbers of people fleeing their countries to seek asylum in Sweden. For health care professionals to be able to deliver a competent and effective care to this growing group of people more knowledge of how to meet and address their needs is urgently warranted. Thus, the need for a culturally competent health care for a diverse society is bigger than ever. Cultural competence is a key factor in rendering effective and culturally responsive care to individuals from different culturally and ethnically backgrounds. Thus, a lot of research in the field and many theories and models concerning cultural competence, the lack of conceptual clarity regarding the concept is still missing. Even if the term is familiar in the literature detailed research in the field is lacking in Sweden

Thus, there is a need for a deeper understanding of what cultural competence should constitute and how it should be achieved among health care professionals. They need to understand both the culture of the individual's country of birth and the immigration experiences but are often unsure about the refugees entitlements to health. As health is a resource for everyday life it is one of the most fundamental conditions for an individual's potential for development.

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Welcome!

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