

Basic Books **summer semester 2026**

Part of the special track curriculum „Global Health“

Description/Course content:

The course “Basic Books” is structured as a reading course, which deals with central books on global health. Students can choose between different books, which they would like to read as well as to discuss and present in groups.

These books include “A History of Global Health” and “Fresh Fruit, Broken Bodies”

The course should improve reading skills and contribute to a better understanding of global health issues.

Dates:

- **Introduction, book presentation and individual selection**
4 May 2026, 18:15 - 19:45 h
- **Book discussion after reading in individual groups**
15 June 2026, 18:15 - 19:45 h
- **Book presentation/final discussion**
6 July 2026, 18:15 - 20:30 h

Book selection:

- Holmes, Seth: Fresh Fruit, Broken Bodies - Migrant Farmworkers in the United States <https://hds.hebis.de/ubgi/Record/HEB38532488X>
(Access only in the network of the University of Gießen)
- Packard, Randall M.: A History of Global Health. Interventions into the Lives of Other Peoples <https://jhupbooks.press.jhu.edu/content/history-global-health>

Lecturer: PD Dr. S. Krannich

Examination format: regular participation, individual reading, book presentation

Access to the lecture: link from lecturer (Zoom or BigBlueButton)

ECTS: 1

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