



Course: Global Health Institutions and International Health

Objectives:

Analysis of the impact of worldwide organizations on population health, health policy and health care systems. Describing vital health indicators, international cooperation and policy in context of global health threats.

Description of course

There are significant health inequalities worldwide. Differences in health status can be explained by historical, political, cultural, social and economic factors, which influenced and still influence population health in different parts of world. After tragic experiences of World Wars and final end of colonial era new possibilities of international cooperation appeared. However the World Health Organization coordinates international efforts in aspect of health, there are multiple other organizations which influence health policy in direct or indirect way. There is also a significant influence of pharmaceutical policy and intellectual property rights on health status of the world's population. International health cooperation seems to be necessary in times of globalization.

The main topics of interest will be as following:

- Identification of vital international health problems
- Main health indicators (LE, SMR, DALE, HALE)
- History of the World Health Organization
- International public health organizations
- Contemporary health, demographic, environmental and socio-economic threats
- Globalization- threats and opportunities
- Pharmaceutical needs of the world's population

Literature:

1. Anne-Emanuelle Birn, Yogan Pillay, Timothy H. Holtz, Textbook of International Health: Global Health in a Dynamic World, 3rd edition, Oxford University Press, 2009
2. WHO reports
3. Selected publications

Teaching: case study/conversations
180 hours

Examination: test or essay/oral exam

ECTS: 6

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