

POL2214: Global Health in a Changing World

Instructor: Dr. James Orbinski
Term: Sept-Dec 2012
Day/Time: Fridays 10am-12 noon
Location: LA200

This multidisciplinary seminar course will critically analyze the contextual factors, forces and actors leading to the emergence of global health as a discipline and practice (Session 1) from its historic origins in international health and public health (Session 2). Using an equity-based perspective, the course will examine the convergence of globalization and epidemiology with implications for germ governance (Session 3). The range of state, interstate and non-state actors and interests will be explored (Session 4) within the context of health systems (Session 5), as they pertain to (i) the pursuit of equity in global health (Session 6), (ii) sustainability and global health priority setting (Session 7), (iii) health economics (Session 8) as well as (iv) global health governance (Session 9). Crosscutting themes will be explored by taking a problem based-learning approach to contemporary issues in global health through case studies (i.e. HIV/AIDS; Extensively Drug Resistant Tuberculosis; climate change and health; access to health care and health care technologies such as medicines, vaccines and diagnostics). The course will end with an analysis of the impacts of the converging economic, food, fuel and climate crises on the contemporary global health agenda (Session 10), and the central importance of nurturing and growing resilience as we pursue equity in global health (Session 11).

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Textbook: Anne-Emanuelle Birn, Yogan Pillay, Timothy H. Holtz. *Textbook of International Health: Global Health in a Dynamic World*. Oxford University Press. 2009.