ICM6107 Planetary Health and International Health Policy

Year 3

Planetary Health and International Health Policy (ICM6107)

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This optional, elective semester 2 module introduces students to various analytical perspectives on environmental change on a local, regional and global basis and how this is related to human health and to planetary health applying an ecological global health framework and a human rights to health approach. It will provide a historical perspective of our relationship and understanding of nature, ecosystem, planetary system and planetary processes in relation to health as they are underlying individual, societal, local and national and global policy actions. Exploring the Anthropocene, students will critically engage in diverse perspectives, data analysis, future climate scenario projections and challenges such as biodiversity loss to human health. Students explore the likely impact of anthropogenic activities on planetary processes and the implications of those changes for people's health and well-being. Students will be prepared to undertake research in the area, analyse current policies and propose new ways of thinking and acting to protect health in an ever fasting changing global environment.

Module aims:

This module aims to develop and deepen the students' knowledge and skills regarding ecological global health. It aims to develop an understanding of the leadership role of global health professionals in responding to changes in planetary system, and to re-evaluate their own approaches and assumptions of where the field is going using appropriate theories and experiences. It aims to develop in students an understanding of the current debates, encouraging them to reflect on challenges and corresponding political and social movements. Students will be able to critique recent developments and theories, synthesizing different approaches to articulate the broad array of potential solutions to the challenge of the diverse areas of ecological global health.

Reading:


**Assessment**

1) A 750 words commentary (60%)
2) A 30 minute debate (20%)
3) 3-5 minute video statement (20%)