



## **Short course on global health 23 – 27 June 2008**

**Course Directors: [Dr Helen Ward](#) and [Professor Alan Fenwick](#)**

This course offers students the opportunity to broaden their understanding and knowledge of global health issues. Students have told us that they want a broader knowledge of tropical disease and infections alongside a more thorough understanding of the wider determinants of health. In this short optional course we provide an introduction to the major challenges in global health and debate how to meet them, discuss the role of different players, including health professionals, and finally consider how global health affects us all.

This course will be delivered by a range of lecturers from Imperial working in the Research Theme of Public and International Health, including clinicians, epidemiologists and policy experts, with some guest speakers from local and international organisations. Students will be encouraged to contribute to sessions, to read and prepare for debates, and most of all to think and to challenge.



At the end of the course students will receive a certificate of attendance, and will be invited to enter an essay competition to win the EPHPC Global Health Studies prize!



### **Who should come on the course?**

The course has been developed for and with medical students at Imperial. Medical students in any year should find the course accessible and interesting, as will Biomedical Science undergraduates. Students from other undergraduate and postgraduate courses at Imperial and other universities are welcome to apply.

### **Practicalities**

#### **Registration**

There will be a maximum of 50 places on the course, and students will need to pay a registration fee of £40 to cover basic costs. Full payment is necessary to secure a place on the course. Students should contact [Anenta Ratneswaren](#) to book a place and arrange payment. The fee is non-refundable after 30 May 2008.

#### **Resources**

Students attending the course will receive a detailed course handbook with a detailed timetable, biographies of lecturers, lecture notes and reading lists.

#### **Venue**

All sessions will take place at St Mary's Campus in the MSc room, ground floor, Department of Infectious Disease Epidemiology.

#### **Timetable**

The course will run from 9.00 to 5.00 each day except Wednesday. An outline timetable is overleaf.

**Course organisers** [Anenta Ratneswaren](#) and [Yaobi Zhang](#)

## Outline timetable

### Monday

#### Diversity

- The challenge of global health
- The unequal global burden of disease
- “It’s the economy, stupid”: trends in poverty and development and the impact of globalisation
- Case study: fertility, family planning and development
- **Debate:** This house believes that pharmaceutical companies are parasitic obstacles to global health

### Tuesday

#### Cooperation and corporations

- Meet the players in international health
- Approaches to health improvement
  - HIV, tuberculosis and malaria
  - Neglected tropical diseases
  - Emerging epidemics: obesity
  - Emerging epidemics: SARS
- **Debate:** This house believes that vertical programmes are an effective method of delivering health improvement

### Wednesday

#### Reading and thinking....

### Thursday

#### Changing boundaries

- Globalisation: migration, integration and health
- Conflict and health
- A global perspective on mental health
- The impact of climate change on health
- **Debate:** This house believes that the global migration of health workers should be banned

### Friday

#### Global is local

- Global impacts on clinical practice in London
  - Recognising tropical disease
  - Preparing for pandemic flu
  - Working with migrants
  - Who has access to what care?
  - Would I recognise a case of SARS?
- Activism
- Working overseas
- **Keynote lecture:** Responding to global health challenges

### Teaching format

Sessions will include lectures, videos, debates, practical exercises and journal clubs. Students will be expected to play an active role in sessions!

### Presenters will include

- Academics
- Clinicians
- Medsin students and newly qualified doctors
- NGO representatives
- Policy makers

**“When it comes to global health, there is no ‘them’ ... only ‘us’”**

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