

Towards Global Health Equity: From Evidence to Action

Epidemiology Course EPI 5145 (3 cr.)

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This twice weekly seminar course is designed for graduate students (and final year undergraduate students with special permission) from all faculties with an interest in understanding how globalization processes are affecting health and the policy options available to create a fairer and more health equitable globalization. It draws on theories from sociology, political science (international relations) and political economy; and on evidence derived from all three disciplines, as well as public health and epidemiology. No prior knowledge of the social science disciplines is needed, and the seminars and readings are intended to equip students with a better grasp of how social science theory alongside evidence offers powerful explanatory models for a public health practice that attempts to get at 'the determinants of the social determinants of health' at the global scale.

Topics to be covered include: globalization in theoretical and historical context; globalization as a 'determinant of social determinants of health'; trade and investment policies and public health policy space; transnational corporations and global health risks; globalization drivers of HIV and pandemic risk; globalization of chronic diseases; gendered aspects of global health; global health development; global health system reforms; climate change and health; health in foreign policy; health and international human rights. The course will be led by Prof. Ronald Labonté, with occasional guest lectures from a number of leading global health researchers at the University of Ottawa. The course will follow a new textbook authored by Prof. Labonté and Dr. Arne Ruckert (*Health Equity in a Globalizing Era*), presently in production with Oxford University Press for release in early 2019. Key additional and up-to-date journal articles and blog readings will also be used.

Dates: May 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 23, 27, 30, June 3, 6, 10, 13

Time: 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Location: 850 Peter Morand Crescent (Room # TBA)

Please register your interest in the course by emailing rlabonte@uottawa.ca and jkarpf@uottawa.ca