

HEALTH DIPLOMACY AND MIGRATION

ADDRESSING THE COMPLEXITY OF MIGRATION FROM A HEALTH PERSPECTIVE

- → New three-day course to discuss the challenges of governance and diplomacy in health & migration
- → Combine theory and practice to gain a better understanding of the political dynamics of health & migration
- → Connect to leading experts on migration based in Geneva and beyond
- → Led by the Global Health Centre (GHC) at the Graduate Institute

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Tuition CHF 1.800

Application

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Many different forms of migration exist and human mobility shapes global health, impacting on domestic and foreign policies of sending, transition and receiving countries. The health of migrants is influenced by these different policies and legal frameworks but also by the practices surrounding migration. Yet, the act of migration alone does not cause any disease. Rather, the socioeconomic, political, cultural and environmental conditions connected to the act of migration can impact on health and the vulnerability to disease. National health systems are often put under pressure to respond to large-scale movements and diplomacy comes into play to find cross-border, collective solutions. Health can serve as an entry point for these diplomatic actions and new governance mechanisms need to be negotiated to respond appropriately to migration crises.

Yet, the migration crisis interfaces with other crises, such as the ecological, financial, humanitarian, and health security crisis. This complexity requires a new awareness but also a fast response that recognises the synergies between them and addresses the distribution of power, money and resources. Decisive political action is needed to save lives, protect people and preserve dignity.

PROGRAMME CONTENT

This course will address the key challenges of contemporary large-scale population movements and its interplay with health. It will familiarise participants with core concepts on migration diplomacy and governance and will introduce case studies and selected thematic areas to foster the understanding of the complexities involved. Participants will acquire practical skills and applied knowledge of health diplomacy to better understand and respond to the challenges at the interface of migration and health. The course will:

- → assess the impact of migration on health and the achievement of the SDGs;
- → introduce and analyse the legal instruments and governance mechanisms used at the interface of health and migration, among others, the Global Compact on Migration and Human Rights;
- → explore the challenges involved in providing and ensuring access to health services to all migrants;
- → reflect on migration and health in conflict settings and its impact on the neighbouring countries; and
- → experience and learn negotiation skills through a migrationrelated negotiation scenario, including the challenges to reconcile different political perspectives.

TARGET GROUP

- → Migration professionals interested to focus on health
- → Health and international relations professionals in departments of international health, ministries of foreign affairs and development cooperation
- → Health attachés and diplomats with a portfolio linked to health or migration
- → Representatives from international, regional and nongovernmental organisations
- → Professionals in philanthropic organisations, the private sector and academia

OBJECTIVES

- → Understand key migration concepts and trends in their intersections with health diplomacy and governance;
- → Gain insights into existing mechanisms and policies linked to health and migration and the impact of the changing political context related to these policies;
- Enhance participants' negotiation skills through a differentiated analysis of actors and their interests, as well as by immersing into a migration-related simulation; and
- → Build a network of trained health diplomats and foster peer learning.

COURSE FACULTY

Ray Busuttil, Consultant Public Health, Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Directorate, Ministry for Health, Malta; Chairman, Executive Board, World Health Organization

Michaela Told, Deputy & Executive Director, Global Health Centre, the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies

CFRTIFICATE

Participants who complete the course will receive a certificate of attendance from the Graduate Institute. Participants have the possibility to complement the course with a research paper and earn 3 ECTS (European Credit Transfer System). This course can also be recognised as one of the optional courses for module 3 of the Graduate Institute's Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS) in Global Health Diplomacy.

THE GRADUATE INSTITUTE, GENEVA: A WELL-ESTABLISHED REPUTATION

The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies is an acclaimed institution of research and postgraduate education dedicated to the study of world affairs, with a particular emphasis on the cross-cutting fields of international relations and development issues. The Institute is longstanding member of the prestigious Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs (APSIA). Through our core activities, we aim to promote international cooperation and make a contribution to the progress of developing societies. More broadly, we endeavor to develop creative thinking on the major challenges of our time, foster global responsibility and advance respect for diversity.

The Global Health Centre (GHC) is the Graduate Institute's research centre on global health governance and diplomacy. It is one of the first of its kind and it reflects the wider trend in both the practice and the analysis of global health, which pays increasing attention to the links between health, foreign policy, trade and development. The centre builds capacity by engaging in research, knowledge translation and diffusion as well as by conducting executive training in global health diplomacy for and with major stakeholders in Geneva and worldwide. The Global Health Centre offers courses in Geneva in collaboration with the Institute's Executive Education Department and in cooperation with partners in other locations.

Executive Education incorporates the Institute's thematic research on important global issues in its programmes for working professionals, and provides a multi-stakeholder platform for forward-looking analysis and professional development.

A WORLD-CLASS LOCATION

Geneva is internationally recognised as the 'Health Capital of the World'. It hosts not only the World Health Organization (WHO) but also 80 organisations active in global health, with which the GHC is superbly networked, making an ideal place to study, teach and research global health diplomacy.



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