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Course Programme

Course Directors

Michel Kazatchkine, Special Advisor to the Joint United Nations Program on AIDS in Eastern Europe and Central Asia; Senior Fellow, Global Health Centre, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies

Thomas Zeltner, Chairperson of the Advisory Board, Global Health Centre, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies; Former Secretary of Health of Switzerland and Director-General of the Swiss National Health Authority

Guest Speakers

Estelle Askew-Renaut, Human Rights Officer, Rule of Law and Democracy Section, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Barbara Broers, Professor, Head of the Dependencies Unit, Primary Care Division, Geneva University Hospitals

Ruth Dreifuss, Former President of Switzerland and Minister of Home Affairs, Chair, Global Commission on Drug Policy

Richard Elliott, Executive Director, Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network

Antoine Flahault, Director of the Institute of Global Health, University of Geneva

Ambassador Socorro Flores Liera, Ambassador; Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

Ann Fordham, Executive Director, International Drug Policy Consortium

Gilles Forte, Coordinator, Office of the Assistant Director General, Access to Medicines, Vaccines and Pharmaceuticals, World Health Organization

Martin Jelsma, Drugs and Democracy Programme Director, Transnational Institute

Suerie Moon, Co-Director, Global Health Centre, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies

Benny Müller, Deputy Head, Human Rights Section, Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

Palani Narayanan, Senior Technical Advisor on Drug Use and Community Responses, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

Vinh-Kim Nguyen, Co-Director, Global Health Centre; Professor, Anthropology and Sociology, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies

Tania Tlaczalelt Ramírez Hernández, Drug Policy Program Director, México Unido Contra la Delincuencia

Roy Robertson, Professor, Addiction Medicine, University of Edinburgh, Centre for Population Health Sciences; Partner, Muirhouse Medical Group

Christian Schneider, Strategic Crime Analyst, Zurich Cantonal Police

Lucy Stackpool-Moor, Director, Programme and Advocacy, International AIDS Society

Diane Steber Büchli, Senior Adviser, Swiss Federal Office of Public Health

Sofia Varguez, Advisor, Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva



Annette Verster, Technical Officer, World Health Organization

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Course Coordinators

Hidemi Ueno, Project Officer, Global Health Centre, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies

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Monday, 28 October 2019

DAY 1**Module 1: Drugs, Drug Use, and the International Drug Control Regime****09:00 – 09:30 Welcome and Introductions**

- **Michel Kazatchkine**, Special Advisor to the Joint United Nations Program on AIDS in Eastern Europe and Central Asia; Senior Fellow, Global Health Centre, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies
- **Thomas Zeltner**, Chairperson of the Advisory Board, Global Health Centre, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies; Former Secretary of Health of Switzerland and Director-General of the Swiss National Health Authority

09:30 – 10:45 Setting the Scene

- **Ann Fordham**, Executive Director, International Drug Policy Consortium

10:45 – 11:15 Coffee break

11:15 – 13:00 Drugs, Drug Use, and Drug Dependence: A Practitioner's Perspective

- **Roy Robertson**, Professor of Addiction Medicine, University of Edinburgh, Centre for Population Health Sciences; Partner, Muirhouse Medical Group

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch at La Perle du Lac

14:30 – 16:00 The International Drug Control System

- **Martin Jelsma**, Drugs and Democracy Programme Director, Transnational Institute

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 – 18:00 Perspectives for Drug Policy Reform and the Current Global Diplomatic Context

- **Ruth Dreifuss**, Former President of Switzerland and Minister of Home Affairs, Chair, Global Commission on Drug Policy

A panel discussion with:

- **Socorro Flores Liera**, Ambassador; Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva
- **Diane Steber Büchli**, Senior Adviser, Swiss Federal Office of Public Health
- **Martin Jelsma**, Drugs and Democracy Programme Director, Transnational Institute

Moderated by **Ruth Dreifuss**

Tuesday, 29 October 2019

DAY 2**Module 2: Drug Control, Health, Health Diplomacy, and Policies**09:00 – 10:30 **Opioid Epidemic in the USA and Canada**

- **Suerie Moon**, Co-Director, Global Health Centre, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 12:30 **Current Issues Surrounding Cannabis**

- **Barbara Broers**, Professor, Head of the Dependencies Unit, Primary Care Division, Geneva University Hospitals

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch at La Perle du Lac

14:00 – 15:30 **Challenged in Access to Controlled Essential Medicines**

- **Gilles Forte**, Coordinator, Office of the Assistant Director General, Cluster for Access to Medicines, Vaccines and Pharmaceuticals, World Health Organization

15:30 – 15:45 Coffee break

15:45 – 17:15 **Drug Control Policies: The Perspective of Law-Enforcement**

- **Neil Woods**, Law Enforcement Action Partnership UK
- **Christian Schneider**, Strategic Crime Analyst, Zurich Cantonal Police

17:15 – 17:45 Coffee break

17:45 – 21:00 **Drug Policy Diplomacy: Negotiating a drug-related resolution in Geneva: The example of the Human Rights Council**

- **Benny Müller**, Deputy Head, Human Rights Section, Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva
- **Sofia Varguez**, Advisor, Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

Wednesday, 30 October 2019

DAY 3

Module 3: Drug Control, Health, and Human Rights

09:00 – 10:30 **Drug Policy and Public Health and Diplomacy: The Issue of Harm Reduction**

- **Annette Verster**, Technical Officer, World Health Organization

Discussants:

- **Lucy Stackpool-Moore**, Director, Programme and Advocacy, International AIDS Society
- **Palani Narayanan**, Senior Technical Advisor on Drug Use and Community Responses, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 12:00 **Socio-Economic and Political Controversies surrounding Poppy and Coca Cultivation**

- **Tania Tlacaoelt Ramírez Hernández**, Drug Policy Program Director, México Unido Contra la Delincuencia

12:00 – 13:30 Lunch at La Perle du Lac

13:30 – 15:00 **Drug Control Policies, Human Rights, and the Role of Civil Society and User Networks in the International Debate on Drug Policies**

- **Richard Elliott**, Executive Director, Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network

Discussant:

- **Estelle Askew-Renaut**, Human Rights Officer, Rule of Law and Democracy Section, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee break

15:30 – 17:30 **Module 4: Closing Session: Including National Perspectives of Auditors**

- **Michel Kazatchkine**, Special Advisor to the Joint United Nations Program on AIDS in Eastern Europe and Central Asia; Senior Fellow, Global Health Centre, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies
- **Vinh-Kim Nguyen**, Co-Director, Global Health Centre; Professor, Anthropology and Sociology, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies
- **Antoine Flahault**, Director of the Institute of Global Health, University of Geneva
- **Thomas Zeltner**, Chairperson of the Advisory Board, Global Health Centre, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies; Former Secretary of Health of Switzerland and Director-General of the Swiss National Health Authority
- Participants of the course

17:30 – 18:30 Closing Ceremony & Reception