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The war in Ukraine: lives, money and the politics of global health

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Online event

BIOGRAPHIES

Speakers:

ULANA SUPRUN

MD, Former Minister of Healthcare in Ukraine



Ulana Suprun is a medical doctor who served as the acting Minister of Health of Ukraine from 2016 until August 2019. She is the founder and former director of the NGO “Patriot Defence” and former director of Humanitarian Initiatives for the Ukrainian World Congress. She practiced medicine in New York and Detroit, Michigan for 15 years, both in private practice and as acting director of Mammography at Henry Ford Hospital. She was appointed Assistant Clinical Professor of Pathology at Mount Sinai Hospital and vice medical director of a Women's Imaging, Medical Imaging of Manhattan in New York.

Dr. Suprun is an active member of the American College of Radiology, the Radiological Society of North America, and the Ukrainian Medical Association of North America. She worked in the medical services of the Euromaidan. In September 2015 Dr. Suprun was appointed director of the School of Rehabilitation Medicine at the Ukrainian Catholic University.

After leaving the ministry, Dr. Suprun founded the NGO [ArcUA](#), which publishes books and an online journal in both Ukrainian and English languages. Dr. Suprun and her husband currently live in Kyiv, Ukraine and are engaged in defending Ukraine in Russia's war.

Dr. Suprun holds a BS in Biology, and received her medical degree from Michigan State University College of Human Medicine in 1989.

AHMAD MUKHTAR

Senior Economist, FAO



Ahmad Mukhtar is a Senior Economist leading the Strategy and Policy Team at the Regional Office of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) for Near East and North Africa, based in Cairo, Egypt.

He is leading the economic analysis and reporting on FAO's priority areas in the Near East and North Africa to support the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, including the socioeconomic aspects of food security, rural transformation, food and agricultural policy, institutional reform, sustainable and healthy food systems, natural resource conservation and climate change impacts.

He has over 20 years of experience in public, private and international development sectors, working on national and international/multilateral assignments in the areas of international economic and trade policy, agriculture economics and trade, public health, commercial diplomacy, bilateral and regional trade issues, and the implementation of trade and investment policies.

Prior to joining the FAO regional office, he worked at the FAO office in Geneva. Before that he worked with the UNCTAD, UNDP, and Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the WTO.

He led the multilateral negotiations on Domestic Regulations for Trade in Services as Chairman of the WTO Working Party on Domestic Regulations (2010-2011).

He has educational and professional qualifications in Economics, Law, Public Policy, Finance, and Biotechnology.

MICHEL KAZATCHKINE

Course Director, Global Health Centre, Geneva Graduate Institute

Senior Advisor to the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe



Michel Kazatchkine has over 35 years of experience in the fight against AIDS and in global health as a leading physician, researcher, administrator, advocate, policy-maker, and diplomat. He attended medical school in Paris and has completed postdoctoral fellowships at St. Mary's hospital in London and Harvard Medical School. He has been Professor of Immunology at Université René Descartes in Paris and has authored over 500 publications. Professor Kazatchkine has played key roles in various organizations, serving as director of France's National Agency for Research on AIDS (1998-2005), and as

French ambassador on HIV/AIDS and communicable diseases (2005-2007). In 2007, he was elected Executive Director of the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, a position in which he served until March 2012.

He served as the UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for HIV (2012-2016) and Special Advisor to the Joint UN Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS, 2016-2020) for Eastern Europe and Central Asia. He is a Senior Advisor to the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe, a course director at the Global Health Centre, and a member of the Global Commission on Drug Policy.

Moderator:

SUERIE MOON

Co-Director, Global Health Centre, Geneva Graduate Institute



Suerie Moon is Professor of Practice, Department of International Relations & Political Science, and Co-Director of the Global Health Centre at the Geneva Graduate Institute. She focuses on global governance and health, with specialized expertise in innovation and access to medicines, outbreak preparedness and response; trade, investment and intellectual property rules; and development assistance. She is the Principal Investigator on five research projects, and the recipient of a career grant from the Swiss National Science Foundation. Her current research examines new business models of pharmaceutical

R&D, international sharing of outbreak-prone pathogens and related benefits, and the global governance of Covid-19.