

(International Short Course)

Towards Global Health Equity: From Evidence to Action

Tuesday 19th September to Thursday 21st September 2006

Venue: Flinders University (Australian Science and Mathematics School), ADELAIDE, Australia

Following on from the Fourth International Conference of the International Society for Equity in Health, which is also being held in Adelaide, this short course will be important for those wanting to elevate local and global health inequities on the public agenda. The course will be of interest to a wide range of policy and program officers, health professionals, and postgraduate students.

Overview:

Focus

Defined broadly, globalisation describes a constellation of processes by which nations, businesses and people are becoming more connected and interdependent through increased market integration, communication exchange, cultural diffusion and travel. The focus of this short course will be the first aspect of globalisation - *global market integration* - the key elements of which have been trade liberalisation (increasing the cross-border flow of goods) and deregulation of national financial markets (facilitating rapid transnational movements of capital).

Approach

The theoretical approach rests in human rights and political economy critiques of the dominant 'neo-liberal' model of globalisation. The course will begin by defining and providing a brief history of globalisation, with emphasis on its health impacts (both positive and negative). Particular attention will be paid to how contemporary (post-1980) globalisation differs from earlier eras.

Outcome

A composite framework for assessing the linkages between these health outcomes and globalisation will be presented as a means for more detailed examination of the following key 'drivers' of contemporary global market integration. The course concludes with a discussion of what global health policies might improve health equity, and what is required to bring these about.

The themes for the three days are:

- Introduction to Globalisation and Health
- Health Effects of Globalisation – Analysing the Key Drivers
- Intervening for Global Health Equity: Options and Strategies

Learning Objectives:

At the end of the three-day course, participants will:

- Understand contemporary globalisation, and locate it in historical context
 - Identify the key drivers of contemporary globalisation, and their theoretical and empirical effects on global health equity
 - Understand the impacts of macroeconomic policies, trade liberalization, debt and official development assistance on global health equity
 - Understand the key principles of trade agreements, and the theoretical and empirical effects of specific key agreements on global health equity
 - Differentiate, and critically assess, the role of global public goods for health, and a rights-based approach to health
 - Understand the impacts of contemporary globalisation on environmental health and sustainability
- Identify key global health policies that mitigate globalisation's health harms, while maximizing its potential health benefits



Course Presenter:

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Professor Labonte (Ron) is well known to the South Australian Community Research Unit (SACHRU) as a collaborator, frequent visitor to Australia and a prolific writer. He is the former Director of the Saskatchewan Population Health and Evaluation Research Unit, an interdisciplinary research organization he created that is committed to “engaged research” on population health determinants at local, national and global levels. Ron has recently been appointed a hub leader for the Globalization Knowledge Network of the World Health Organization’s Commission on Social Determinants of Health (http://www.who.int/social_determinants/en/).

Registration details—Towards Global Health Equity: From Evidence to Action

Cost:	\$660 (GST inclusive) and includes course materials, morning and afternoon tea. Cheques should be payable to: Flinders University, South Australian Community Health Research Unit
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Cancellation policy:	90% refund applies on notice of cancellation of registration until 9th June 2006, 50% refund applies thereafter until 6th July. No refunds will be available from the 7th July and once the course has commenced. All cancellations must be in writing.
Disclaimer:	South Australian Community Health Research Unit reserves the right to cancel the course.

Registration Form

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Contact Patricia Lamb in the first instance to inquire if these are vacancies in the short course and to tentatively book your place.

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