Dear Subscriber,

Welcome to our June newsletter for the Global Health Governance Programme. Our Programme researches how global institutions, finance and rules can better serve the needs of people across the world. We are based in the Centre for Global Health Research within the Usher Institute in the University of Edinburgh Medical School.

May has been an extremely busy month for us with lots going on. Please check out all our latest blogs and updates below and feel free to let us know if there is anything you would like to be included in our next issue.
Mosquitoes and public opinion

For the 2014 World Malaria Day, Bill Gates posted this mosquito monster movie poster on Gates Notes....

Public-Private Partnerships: GLOBAL HEALTH PANACEAS?
What are public-private partnerships for health, and why are they becoming increasingly important in global health?

All roads lead to Geneva

This week, health ministers from across the world are making the yearly pilgrimage to Geneva for the 70th World Health Assembly. In this blog, I take a step back and focus on three big issues in our current global health system that the new leadership of the WHO will face...

So, what is the World Bank's business model?

The World Bank has gotten increasingly involved in global health in recent
decades...

Dr. Tedros Adhanom, the next Director-General of the World Health Organization

At this year’s World Health Assembly, member states voted by secret ballot to elect Dr. Tedros Adhanom, from three shortlisted candidates including Dr. David Nabarro and Dr. Sania Nishtar – as the current Director-General Margaret Chan’s successor...

We are delighted to have 2 more student researchers joining us this month.
Adriel Chen is a fourth year medical student at the University of Edinburgh. His research will involve analysing the World Bank’s financial contribution to Reproductive, Maternal, and Child Health from 1971-2016 with the aim of understanding the role of the World Bank in influencing RMCH. His interests include the economics of healthcare and the effectiveness of healthcare interventions.

Madeleine Payne is currently a 4th year medical student at the University of Edinburgh and will be completing a Student Selected Component with the Global Health Governance team in the autumn. Her research will involve analysing the World Bank’s core HNP and Trust Fund funding streams for polio control programmes and identifying any patterns of polio funding within the wider context of the Bank's health funding. She has a BMedSci in International Public Health Policy from the University of Edinburgh.
PhD Student wins Brocher Foundation Residential Fellowship

Janelle Winters, a PhD student in the Global Health Governance Group, received a fellowship to reside at the Brocher Foundation in Geneva, Switzerland in February and March 2018. The Brocher Foundation offers competitive residencies to academics studying the social, legal, and ethical implications of medical research and new technologies. While at Brocher, Janelle will be performing archival research and interviews at the World Health Organization and writing-up her dissertation. Her research focuses on the ways in which the World Bank and World Health Organization’s Onchocerciasis Control Programme has been seen as a success, and by whom. In Geneva, she will be diving-into archival documents about onchocerciasis drug trials during the 1980s, bioethics at the World Health Organization, and the forces that have led to widespread policies of mass-drug administration for neglected tropical diseases.

We have had several Events this past month here in Edinburgh and further afield...

**Governing Global Health Sunday 28 May 2017, 10am Venue: Starlight Stage**

Governments, NGOs and corporations collaborate across the world on campaigns to respond to global health issues such as AIDS, Ebola, SARS and malaria. But how do you regulate these PPPs (private-public partnerships)? The Edinburgh academic Devi Sridhar and her co-author, Chelsea Clinton, analyse the accountability, effectiveness and sustainability of the biggest campaigns. Chaired by Oscar Guardiola-Rivera.
Our Project Director Devi Sridhar has attended several book launches including one at LSHTM (http://www.lshtm.ac.uk/), Rhodes House Oxford and one at the Blavatnik School of Government in Oxford.

Professor Martin McKee visited our team on the 30th May 2017 and gave an exclusive one-off seminar. See more about Professor McKee here :- http://www.lshtm.ac.uk/aboutus/people/mckee.martin
On 26th May Felix Stein discussed How is European Aid money used in the fight against Ebola and what is the World Bank's approach pandemic preparedness and to development in general?  

Series of Malaria Talks

Marlee Tichenor gave an extremely well received seminar entitled "Three things you didn't know about Malaria" on the 2nd May here at the Usher Institute and then went on to Paris and Oxford to give a further two talks the details of which are below:-
Title: A Tale of Two Treatments: Antimalarials and the pursuit of legitimacy
Time: 10:00-12:30, 18 May 2017
Place: Salle J322, University of Paris Descartes
Seminar Series: Produire et inventer au sud

Abstract: Artemisinin-based combination therapies (ACTs) are the current front-line treatment for uncomplicated malaria recommended by the World Health Organization. Due to fears about the spread of artemisinin resistance in Sub-Saharan Africa, where the majority of malaria cases and deaths occur, the WHO and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria mandate the use of combination therapies rather than monotherapies to protect the usefulness of the pharmaceutical agent. The WHO prequalifies pharmaceutical products and the Global Fund subsidizes only antimalarials that use different versions of the agent artemisinin (including artesunate, dihydroartemisinin (DHA or artenimol), and artemether) combined with other anti-malarial agents (like lumefantrine, amodiaquine, and mefloquine). In this global public health space where fear of losing pharmaceutical effectiveness drives much of the recommendations that the WHO promotes to fight malaria, I wish to investigate the modes of legitimization behind two “alternative” forms of producing anti-malarial treatments.
Title: Chinese Investments in Senegalese Health Systems: Malaria as Focus and Space of Contention
Conference: The OUCAN China-Africa Global Health Conference
Time: 1:30-3:00, 30 May 2017
Place: University of Oxford China Centre, Dickson Poon Building, St Hugh’s College
Organizer: The Oxford University China-Africa Network (OUCAN)
https://oucan.politics.ox.ac.uk/index.php/current-conference/oucan2017
ARCHIVAL RESEARCH AT THE WORLD BANK 22 May – 2 June, 2017

Genevie Fernandes, our PhD fellow, is conducting research at the World Bank Archives in Washington DC. She is reviewing archived reports and correspondence files, dating back to the 1960s, to explore the World Bank’s role and influence in maternal and child health over the last four decades.

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