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Welcome to our October 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.

Please check out our latest blogs and updates below.

We are delighted to have two Senior Research Associates joining us this month.
Dr Anuj Kapilashrami is a Lecturer in Global Public Health and Associate Director of the Global Development Academy at the University of Edinburgh. She has an interdisciplinary background in Sociology and Public health with a specialisation in policy and systems research. She works at the intersections of health politics and development praxis, with particular interest in their interface with equity, human rights and development. Over the last seventeen years she has worked in academia and with various development actors in South Asia, South Africa, the UK & Europe in varying capacity.

Her research falls under two broad thematic areas- 1) Health policy and governance; specifically, equity, rights and health systems implications of global health actors and role of private sector in attaining universal health goals; 2) Gender (and intersectional) inequalities and social determinants of health.

Currently, she is chair of Gender Rights and Development (GRAND), an international network of academics and practitioners working on Gender, Rights and Development issues, which has membership in Africa, Europe and India. She convenes People’s Health Movement Scotland and is a Steering group member of the UK PHM.

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Mark Hellowell is Senior Lecturer at the University of Edinburgh, where he directs postgraduate programmes in global health policy. In his research, he focuses on innovative health financing, and the public/private sector interface in health service delivery. He is special adviser to the House of Commons Treasury Select Committee in relation to its work on the use of private finance in health services, and he has worked with several global health and development agencies, including the African Development Bank, the European Investment Bank and the World Bank. He is currently project director on a University of Edinburgh collaboration with the World Bank on the use of market systems approaches to health policy problems, financed by the Department for International Development (DfID) and the Global Financing Facility.

Core Team News!
One of our team blog posts has been reprinted several times. If you haven't read it yet-check out blog by Professor Devi Sridhar and Dr Felix Stein below.

- the Wire: https://thewire.in/150665/world-bank-redefines-private-sector/
In October, Janelle Winters will be presenting at the Society for the Social History of Medicine's postgraduate conference, 'Health Histories: the Next Generation', in Shanghai, China (12-13 October 2017). The conference provides a rare opportunity to collaborate with early career Chinese researchers in the medical humanities. Her talk discusses onchocerciasis drug research conducted by the World Bank and World Health Organization in the 1980s, is part of a panel on pharmaceuticals and drug policy in the twentieth century.

From December through March, Janelle will be away from Edinburgh on archival and oral history fieldwork, first at the World Bank (Washington DC) and then at the World Health Organization (Geneva). Her time in Geneva will be fully supported by residential fellowship at the Brocher Foundation.
Dr Marlee Tichenor attended the "Assembling Epidemics: Disease, Ecology and the (Un)Natural" conference at the Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities at the University of Cambridge on September 8-9 and presented a paper entitled "Thresholds: Malaria, Risk, and Disentangling Epidemics," abstract below:

Included within Goal 3 - the health goal - of the Sustainable Development Goals is the aim that by 2030 the global community will "end the epidemics of AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria and neglected tropical diseases and combat hepatitis, water-borne diseases and other communicable diseases." Tracking this SDG is broken down into the indicators of new HIV infections per 1,000 uninfected
population, along with TB and Hepatitis B incidence per 100,000 population and malaria incidence per 1,000 population. These incidence rates are then compared against regional- or country-level epidemiological data to determine whether they are "normal" incidences or epidemics. Drawing on my doctoral ethnographic research on malaria control efforts in Senegal, this talk will discuss moving thresholds with regards to malaria parasite diagnosis and epidemic surveillance, and the intensification of quantified risk with the centrality of data production for securing quality health care in the emerging SDG era. Within this context and in this talk, I will ask when do endemic diseases like malaria become epidemics, for whom, and for what purpose? What causality is given for these endemics-turned-epidemics, and what does "ending epidemics" of malaria really mean?

The event website is http://www.crassh.cam.ac.uk/events/27212

Marlee will also be attending the Global Burden of Disease 20th Anniversary Event at the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation in Seattle, Washington. More about the event can be found here: http://www.healthdata.org/events/gbd-20th-anniversary-event
In September 2017, Genevie Fernandes contributed a video lecture on 'The changing financing landscape for global health and non-communicable diseases'. This lecture was delivered as part of the online course on 'NCD Diplomacy in a Globalised World', offered by The Graduate Institute Geneva. 
https://we.tl/puz8irwnQ0

Other news...

Global Health Governance Programme are proud to be a partner on the new RESPIRE grant. The first meeting was in September in Edinburgh. Funded by the NHS National Institute for Health Research, RESPIRE is a Global Health Research Unit focussing on respiratory health in Asia. It is one of 13 Units funded across the UK, and one of two at the University of Edinburgh. 
http://www.ed.ac.uk/usher/respire/about/what-is-respire
We worked with Usher Colleagues on the "Future of the Human Body" activity at the Usher tent for BBC "Terrific Scientific"! during the Edinburgh Fringe in August. This was a public engagement activity for children (7+) and families involving drawing, talking about and responding to ideas about how technology is might be changing our bodies today and in the future.

The aim of the activity was to engage with families and children in thinking about how biomedicine and biotechnology, including “human enhancement technologies”, are changing the human body and our ideas about the body; to reflect on how this process might continue in the future and explore people’s thoughts about this.

We had a craft table set up with a variety of drawing materials. The activities were all free and educational and our job was to greet people and with the help of prompt sheets-explain theme of activity and engage using prompts provided. It was fascinating to hear the ideas that the children came up!
Lorna Thompson was invited to speak at the Mason Institute Event to celebrate the life of her former colleague and friend Professor Kenyon Mason

Thank you for reading. Lots more exciting news to follow next month!
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