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Welcome to our Summer 2018 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:-

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New videos from our recent workshop are on youtube now! Click below to view:-

Achieving Global Health Security Workshop
23rd and 24th May 2018

New blog post from Rebecca Katz and Devi Sridhar

Supporting New & Diverse Voices in Global Health

The leading voices of global health policy are primarily drawn from a small, closely connected network of mostly Western, mostly male perspectives. In fact, in the last four issues of the Lancet (May 26- June 16, 2018) the authors of commentaries were predominantly male, white, trained and working in a European or American institution, and in a senior position.[1] We see a similar pattern amongst experts quoted in media articles related to health security.[i],[ii]

These experts have distinguished careers, and shape ongoing debates, dialogues and policies. While respecting these voices and experiences, we must also make room in ongoing debates for a more diverse community of scholars and practitioners, able to bring different gender, generational, disciplinary, racial and geographic lenses...

http://globalhealthgovernance.org/blog-1/
Marlee Tichenor discusses her research from Senegal at our recent workshop with Georgetown University

Felix Stein's research continues in Haiti
Felix is carrying out research in Port-au-Prince on water provision, sanitation and ongoing efforts to eradicate the cholera. He pays special attention to the World Bank’s role in the water sector and in the fight against cholera. More here:- [https://www.felixstein.net/](https://www.felixstein.net/)

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**Busy Summer for our Director Devi!**

Devi Sridhar attended a high-level meeting at Leeds Castle on the global governance of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) chaired by Dame Sally Davies, Chief Medical Officer of England. A resulting commentary in the Lancet is available here: [https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(18)31117-6/abstract](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(18)31117-6/abstract)
Devil also spoke at the annual Hay Festival to over 900 people and will be appearing at this year’s International Book Festival in Edinburgh. Tickets on sale now:–
https://www.edbookfest.co.uk/the-festival/whats-on/reimagination-debate-health#tickets

Research from our programme has been featured in new Wellcome blog

https://blog.wellcomeopenresearch.org/2018/05/16/a-time-of-growth-at-wellcome-open-research/

New Publication
Our research paper led by visiting associate Dr. Mitsuru Mukaigawara in Wellcome Open Research *Balancing science and political economy: Tobacco control and global health* has just been approved without changes and refereed by two experts in the field. Read the full paper and referee reports here: [https://wellcomeopenresearch.org/articles/3-40/v1](https://wellcomeopenresearch.org/articles/3-40/v1)

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**Interview with WHO Europe**

Interview for WHO Europe with Professor Devi Sridhar for Tallin Conference 2018.

**Q:** What do you think are the biggest challenges for health systems over the next twenty or so years? And what are the greatest opportunities?

**A:** I think the biggest challenges for health systems are: First, getting enough money for primary healthcare and basic infrastructure—this means continuing the political fight for sufficient investment in health services around the world and pushing the needle towards accessible and high quality universal health coverage. Second, the combination of an ageing population, urbanisation, and powerful industries pushing unhealthy products around the world has led to rising chronic disease. Even relatively young people are suffering from chronic diseases such as cancer, diabetes, heart disease, and high blood pressure. And preventing this burden is difficult for the health system broadly given that the main drivers are smoking, alcohol misuse, sedentary lifestyle and overweight/obesity. Third, drug-resistant infections are a rising, and terrifying, threat in which our usual drugs to treat people during surgeries, birth, or those with TB and other infectious diseases don’t work anymore—how can health systems cope with both not enough antibiotics for certain populations, such as children suffering from pneumonia, combined with the antibiotic overuse in other populations.

But I also see big opportunities in the years ahead: we are seeing leadership at the global level from the heads of the World Health Organisation, the World Bank, the Global Fund, the Gates Foundation and Wellcome Trust recognising that health systems are a crucial priority and must have regular and robust support. We are seeing head of government from across the world recognising the importance of health systems in order to prevent pandemics, reduce drug-resistance infections, and provide life-saving care to women and newborns during childbirth. Health systems have been linked to national economic productivity, security as well as human rights rationale. And finally, there is rising citizen engagement in healthcare—from the UK, to the US to India and Senegal—ensuring that healthcare is an important electoral issue and that politicians push beyond rhetoric to real change on the ground.

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**Upcoming Events**

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Brocher Foundation Workshop
Jan 21st-23rd 2019

The Global Health Governance Group will host a 3-day international workshop, sponsored by the Brocher Foundation, on 'Alternative Perspectives of the World Bank and its Influence on Global Health Development'. The event will bring together experts in health policy, economics, anthropology, history, and public health to discuss the development of global health policies at the World Bank. The workshop will broadly consider how to better integrate Global South perspectives in approaching the history and influence of global health institutions. Stay tuned to our website and follow us on Twitter @GlobalHealthGP to learn more about workshop speakers and logistics. We will be advertising a call for participation this fall for Geneva-based students and researchers from low and middle-income countries.

http://globalhealthgovernance.org/new-events/

Healthy And Sustainable Futures
1st-5th April 2019

We are hosting a week long exhibition the first week in April 2019 entitled “Healthy and Sustainable Futures” This will be held in the Playfair Library and will launch on the 1st April at 4pm.
We hope you enjoyed our newsletter!

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