
International Welfare Systems

Academic course



Level of course unit: Master

ECTS: 5

Language of Instruction: English

Course Dates: 07.11.2022-20.01.2023

Course will take place on site at the MCI in Innsbruck

Learning Outcomes:

Understand global context of health and social systems and their relative performance with regard to resource inputs and result outcomes both in high-and Low-income country settings.

Understand parameters and global context of health and social systems, as well as the appropriate control knobs to manage them.

Health economic context, understand the macro implications for sustainable health sector financing and performance including health services, public health, medical device, pharma and vaccine policy. Understand the functioning of CCTs.

Results and outcomes, performance and indicators, league tables, country and systems performance goals. Use in class the "Burden of Disease Tool" by the Institute of Health Metrics and Evaluation.

Understand ethical and political economy dimensions of public health as well as the necessary trade-offs in public policy and individual choice. Private sector insurance versus public financing. Private versus public provision. Understand the technical dimensions of health sector development and reform, with particular emphasis on Middle Income Countries. In-depth study of the political dimensions determining success or failure of reforms.

Course Contents:

Introduction to health and social systems overview Continued lecture and class group work on international health and social systems, including basic health economic concepts (financing, pooling, purchasing, and service provision). Health Systems, their management, governance, financing and overall cross-sectoral context for population health outcomes. Health in all policies, Health and Social Systems in the context of high-income OECD countries and in contrast to Low-income countries in development. Macroeconomic, microeconomic and political and development context of Health Reform and Health Sector Management. Guest Lecture on Pharmaceuticals. Review the performance of Conditional Cash Transfer Programs (CCTs). Macro + Micro context continued Health and wealth, Equity and Efficiency and respective trade-offs within international health and social systems. Contrast High-income countries (Netherlands, Switzerland, and Austria) with performance of MICs. Ethical and political dimensions of health and social systems, issues of choice, fairness, equality and equity explained through the lens of different philosophical approaches.

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