

International Program – Global Health Leadership

Course Name: Human Rights and Public Health

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1. Course description: This course will address a range of issues in public health ethics concerning human rights. The first part of the course will provide an introduction to key ethical frameworks and concepts relevant to the interactions between human rights and public health. The remainder of the course will examine the impact of health policies and programs on human rights and will consider ethical dilemmas in several areas, including: 1) questions of autonomy and paternalism; 2) communicable diseases – screening, treatment, notification, quarantine; 3) health promotion & disease prevention; 4) Non-communicable diseases – smoking and obesity; and 5) research ethics.

2. Course objectives (for students):

- 2.1. Understanding of the unique characteristics of public health ethics;
- 2.2. Knowledge of public health legal framework;
- 2.3. Acquisition of tools for the evaluation of public health interventions' ethical and legal statuses.

3. Duration of the course: 2 academic hours semesterial course

3.1. **Dates:** 31/10/2016-23/1/2017

3.2. **Times:** Mondays 12:15-13:45

4. Prerequisites: none

5. Course requirements:

- 5.1. Attendance at lectures and seminars

5.2. Oral presentation.

6. Calculation of final grade: 100% oral presentation

7. Text-books:

8. Topics and Required Reading:

8.1. Introduction – ethics and society

L. O. Gostin (2007), General justifications for public health regulation, *Journal of Public Health* 121(11) 829-834

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D. E. Beauchamp (1999), Community: The Neglected Tradition of Public Health, in **New Ethics for the Public's Health** (Beauchamp & Steinbock eds.) pp. 57-67.

R.H. Thaler, C.R. Sunstein (2003), Libertarian Paternalism, *The American Economic Review*, 93(2) 175-179

A. Arad, A. Rubinstein (2015), The People's Perspective on Libertarian-Paternalistic Policies (Tel Aviv University)

8.2. Case discussion – obesity

S. Holm (2007), Obesity interventions and ethics, *Obesity Reviews* 8 (Suppl. 1), 207–210

8.3. The legal balance Between the public's health and individual rights

N.E. Kass (2001), An Ethics Framework for Public Health, *American Journal of Public Health* 91(11), 1776-1782.

8.4. Case discussion – Vaccines

Daniel A Salmon et. al, (2006) Compulsory vaccination and conscientious or philosophical exemptions: past, present, and future , *Lancet* 367(February 4) 436-442

8.4 Classical Public Health – Combating Pandemics

M.J. Selgelid, (2009) Pandethics, *Journal of Public Health* 123 pp. 255–259

8.5 Modern public health – Reducing exposure to tobacco and smoking

R. Upshur, (2013) What Does Public Health Ethics Tell (Or Not Tell) Us About Intervening in Non-Communicable Diseases?, *Journal of Bioethical Inquiry* 10(1) pp.19-28