SPH2201 Health of The Poor in Asia
Special Term Part 2, AY 2015/2016

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Description:
This five-week summer school course introduces students to global public health, with a focus on health issues among some of the poor in Asia. It draws upon interdisciplinary resources to understand and improve population health, facilitating understanding of health within a broad societal context.

Key issues explored by the module include the following: What are the priority health issues that dominate the global health agenda today, and which disproportionately affect the poor? What are the systemic and societal factors that determine disease burden and adverse health outcomes among this subgroup? What are the community, health system and policy levers that are available to ameliorate these disparities?

Students will receive a combination of 4-week in-class instruction and an 8-day trip to the Field Site: Christian Medical College and Hospital, Vellore (CMCV), India. CMCV is one of the top-ranked medical colleges in India, with a prestigious international reputation for both clinical and community service achievements, and demonstrates successful health action for the underprivileged.

Syllabus
Week 1 – Core Concepts in Public Health: Lectures, and student-presentation seminar
Week 2 – Public Health Programs; Preparation for Field Trip: Lectures, and student-presentation seminar
Week 3 – Field Trip to CMCV, India (8 days), includes lectures by CMCV’s technical staff
Week 4 – Debrief and Reflection: Debrief, and student-presentation seminar
Week 5 – Public Health and Poverty: Lectures, and student-presentation seminar

Requirements and Evaluation:
Students will be divided into small groups, which they will maintain for the duration of the course. Each student within the group will be appointed as “domain expert” in one area for the duration of the course: 1. Communicable Diseases (CDs), including HIV/AIDS; 2. Non-communicable Diseases (NCDs), focus on Type II DM; 3. Maternal and Child Health (MCH); 4. Elderly; 5. Nutrition and Health

The class is centered on small-group work and 4 student presentations (total 40%). Students are expected to complete assigned readings, attend sessions, and contribute actively. Two quizzes (total 20%) will be at the end of weeks 1 and 2.

Note: there will be no final exam.
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- Introduces global public health
- Focus: health issues of the poor in Asia
- Fulfils Minor in Public Health’s requirement
Content: Key Issues Explored

- The problem
  *Priority health issues which affect the poor*

- The reasons
  *Systemic and societal factors*

- The opportunities
  *Community, health system and policy*
Structure

- 4-week classroom instruction
- 8-day Field Trip
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