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HUMANITARIAN ACTION IN THE 21ST CENTURY: CHALLENGES AND DILEMMAS

New course for 2019!
Join amazing faculty leading this course
on humanitarian challenges.

This unique three-day course will explore four key challenges confronting humanitarian action today: forced migration, climate change, access to medicines and attacks on humanitarian aid. Through a combination of inspiring lectures and interactive case studies, the course will explore emerging ethical dilemmas and current controversies around these issues. Building a bridge between theory and practice, this course will enable participants to tackle the challenges within their own spheres of influence.

COURSE DIRECTOR

Rachel Kiddell-Monroe, LL.M

Professor of Practice, Institute for the Study of International Development, McGill University; International Board Director, Médecins Sans Frontières and General Director, See Change Initiative

COURSE FACULTY

Course Faculty

Megan Bradley, PhD – Political Science and International Development Studies, McGill University

Diana Keown, PhD – Anthropology, McGill University

Matthew Hunt, PhD – School of Physical and Occupational Therapy, McGill University

John Pringle, PhD – Ingram School of Nursing, McGill University

Carol Devine, MSc – Médecins Sans Frontières

Other international and national NGO and civil society representatives and guests to be confirmed.

Guest Speakers

James Orbinski, MD – Dahdaleh Institute for Global Health Research, York University

François Crépeau, O.C., F.R.S.C., Ad.E. – Hans & Tamar Oppenheimer Professor in Public International Law, McGill University; Director, McGill Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism

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CONTENT

People around the world are facing profound challenges and are living in increasingly fragile contexts. These changing dynamics are forcing us to reflect on how humanitarian assistance is conceptualized and delivered to benefit vulnerable and marginalized populations.

Today, over 65 million people have been forced to leave their homes because of conflict, violence, climate change or extreme poverty. They are increasingly demonized by society. At the same time, inequitable access to affordable medicines and diagnostics, significant health impacts of accelerating climate change, and open attacks on the medical humanitarian mission continue to challenge our ability to deliver meaningful humanitarian assistance.

This course aims to provoke reflection and debate of these four trends. Participants will delve into the ethical dilemmas these trends present for humanitarian action. With input from thought-leaders and community advocates from the humanitarian, environmental and human rights fields, participants will use practical examples and case studies to explore the political, human and ethical dimensions of these four global realities.

OBJECTIVES

The course will allow participants to develop skills in:

- Reflecting critically on contemporary humanitarian action
- Identifying key ethical dilemmas facing humanitarian practitioners and policy makers
- Debating humanitarian issues
- Advocating for meaningful change at grassroots and policy levels

The course will offer the opportunity to network with thought leaders and other participants.

TARGET AUDIENCE

This course will appeal to a wide range of participants from different countries including:

- Policy makers and ministry officials
- Researchers, academics and students from all disciplines who are interested in humanitarian issues (law, medicine, ethics, global health, political science, international development and more).
- Mid-career humanitarian workers, civil society and advocacy groups.

Participants from LMICs and indigenous communities are encouraged to apply.

ENROLMENT

Maximum of 60 participants.

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