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Humanitarian Action in the 21st Century: Challenges & Dilemmas

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This unique three-day course will explore three key challenges confronting humanitarian action today: forced migration, climate crisis and access to medicines. 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

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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, and significant health impacts of accelerating climate change continue to challenge our ability to deliver meaningful humanitarian assistance. This course aims to provoke reflection and debate of these 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 field, participants will use practical examples and case studies to explore the political, human and ethical dimensions of these three 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

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.

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