In-House & Guest Workshop

Ebola as a Global Governance Issue: Digging Deeper into Sierra Leone's Health Sovereignty Crisis

Monday, 1 December 2014
13:00-17:00

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Schifferstraße 196, Duisburg

Governance has end goals – democracy, peace, nation-building, control of natural resources, to name a few. This workshop explores: What does good governance look like when the end goal is improved health of a particular population? How might local, national, regional, and/or global governance mechanisms ‘assemble’ when health is the end goal?

The design of the workshop is highly participatory and intended to give workshop members the opportunity to ‘think with’ the case of Sierra Leone. The first session is basic information about the situation on the ground in Sierra Leone and makes it possible for workshop members to participate meaningfully in thinking through wider applications of ideas about health governance during the second session. Clinical health expertise is not required.

13:00 (Informal) Light refreshment/Tea/Coffee/Water

13:15 (Slides/Video) Setting the Scene: Images from Sierra Leone
Susan Erikson, Mneesha Gellman, Joshua Dankoff, Gisela Wohlfahrt

Session 1: Thinking about Sierra Leone: Governance Problem-Solving Starts at the Local Level
Moderator: Markus Böckenförde

13:30 Introduction to the Workshop: Issues of Health Governance, with a spotlight on Sierra Leone, Tobias Debiel

13:35 Setting the Scene: Basic Demographies of Sierra Leone
Patricia Rinck

13:45 Contemporary Governance Structures in Sierra Leone Today: An Introduction
Mneesha Gellman

14:00 Clarifying Questions & Commentary

14:15 Ethnography of Public Health Sovereignty amidst an Epidemic
Susan Erikson

14:30 Clarifying Questions & Commentary

14:45 Unintended Consequences of Well-Intentioned Governance: Ebola’s Child Protection Implications; Joshua Dankoff

15:00 Clarifying Questions & Commentary
Session 2: Thinking with Sierra Leone: Roundtable Exploring Issues of Health Governance and Sovereignty
Facilitator: Susan Erikson

15:30-15:40  Working with the Tensions of Comparison and Incommensurability in Health Governance, Rainer Baumann

15:40-15:50  Ebola as a test case for national health systems: Experiences from Mali, Isaline Bergamaschi

15.50-16:50  Discussion
Key questions: What are ideal global health governance futures for West African nations during outbreaks of infectious disease? Who decides? What is the ideal role of ‘outside’ help? We will take up other key questions as they emerge synergistically in the workshop.

16:50-17:00  Close
Tobias Debiel