

Seminar, Summer Term 2021

## Exploring Planetary Health. An international online-seminar for advancing planetary thinking in global health and human rights

Virtual International Programme – Collaborative Network of Competences in E-Learning and Partner Teaching: Justus Liebig Universität Giessen/Germany (JLU) and University of Wisconsin Madison/USA (UWM)

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Workload: 2 CP

### **Structure and timeframe:**

- **A. Initial phase:** Introductory video lectures: Mai 2021
- **B. Seminar phase:** 4 Weeks in June 2021 (May 31 - Jun 25), 8 sessions: Tuesday & Thursday, June 1 – June 24, 9-10:30am Madison, 4-5:30pm Germany
- **C. Exchange phase/field experience:** selected students from UWM and JLU travelling to the partner country (exchange) or meet at a third place for joint study activities, in 2022 (depending on pandemic situation and individual plans)
- **Assessment:** All students write a term paper. Those who engage in the student exchange, have further tasks (tbd).

**A. Initial Phase (May 2021): Video lectures, produced by Prof. Dr. Jonathan Patz, UWM** The videos are especially offered to JLU and international VIP-students (Virtual International Programme, JLU Giessen). Available at k-med (online learning platform JLU Giessen Medical School):

[https://kmed.uni-giessen.de/ilias/goto.php?target=grp\\_197980&client\\_id=kmed](https://kmed.uni-giessen.de/ilias/goto.php?target=grp_197980&client_id=kmed)

### **B. Seminar phase (online seminars)**

Series of eight webinars with all students, live. Dates: always Tuesday and Thursday, 9:00 UWM and 4:00 pm JLU (San José/Costa Rica: 8 am).

**1. Tuesday June 1, Introduction** and building the group, creating a common ground, based on video lectures and the seminar concept (DiPrete Brown, Knipper). Introduction of the “*planetary health pledge*” (Wabnitz et al. 2020) ([https://www.thelancet.com/article/S0140-6736\(20\)32039-0/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/article/S0140-6736(20)32039-0/fulltext)). The pledge will be discussed with the main author, K. Wabnitz, in the final session, June 29.

**(Thursday, June 3: public holiday in Germany)**

**2. Tuesday, June 8: Global Health Justice**, and adapting the **Capability Approach** (Nussbaum, Sen) to **Planetary Health** (Lori DiPrete Brown, Michael Knipper, N.N.)

**3. Thursday, June 10: The UN Sustainable Development Goals** (Lori DiPrete Brown)

4. **Tuesday, June 15: Migration & Health** (Lori DiPrete Brown, Erika Rosales/UWM, Knipper)
5. **Thursday, June 17: Climate Change, Migration and Health: The case of Central America** (Michael Knipper and Karol Rojas, MPH/University of Costa Rica, board member of Lancet Migration Regional Hub Latin America)
6. **Tuesday, June 22: Science, Politics and Planetary Health: Lessons from the Past and the Pandemic** (Jonathan Patz)
7. **Thursday, June 24: Communication and Climate Change Advocacy** (Jonathan Patz)
8. **Tuesday, June 29: Do we need a “pledge for planetary health to unite health professionals in the Anthropocene”?** (Knipper, Wabnitz, DiPrete Brown, Patz)

### C. From Theory to Practice

- Preparing students for exchanges (2021/22) and tasks
  - Details to be defined
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#### Elegibility criteria for JLU Students:

- medical students, participants of SPC Global Health
- interest in international cooperation and exchange with UWM (limited number of travel grants for students from JLU and UWM available)
- students with advanced knowledge on issues of climate change and health, as well as active engagement in this field, will be given priority