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GLOBAL CHALLENGES LECTURE SERIES 2022

Leadership in times of Global Health Challenge

Showcasing cutting-edge research across disciplines, this exciting series will focus on how those in leadership positions can shape responses to Global Health crises. The series will cover the psychology of community and community resilience, how sociopolitical inequalities affect health and wellbeing, as well as issues affecting policy making and communication.

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Learning about Community in Crisis
20 October 2022

Professor Stephen Reicher, a leading social psychologist and expert in crowd psychology who was heavily involved in advisory groups to the UK and Scottish Governments during the Covid-19 pandemic, presents on the phenomenon of collective resilience, what it tells us more generally about the psychology of community and how (not) to build inclusive and cohesive communities.

Understanding and supporting knowledge sharing in the midst of uncertainty
27 October 2022

Dr Vicky Ward, a social scientist in the School of Management, examines the case of interprofessional healthcare teams as a powerful way of bringing together the knowledge and expertise needed to address healthcare issues which are not the sole preserve of one profession or organisation. Whilst 'sharing knowledge' seems a simple task, in reality it is usually fraught with difficulty. As well as exploring how interprofessional health and social care teams share and create knowledge, Vicky discusses the principles that underpin collective knowledge creation and how interprofessional teams can be supported in doing so.

Understanding the epidemiology of Covid-19: a global perspective
3 November 2022

Infectious disease expert **Dr Muge Cevik** provides an overview of the global epidemiology of Covid-19, mainly focusing on disparities in transmission, severity and outcomes. Muge will also summarise the challenging and often misinterpreted but consequential epidemiological aspects, such as asymptomatic transmission, changes in the severity of disease and transmissibility of variants, and the role of vaccination; and focus on better ways to evaluate these areas going forward, particularly from a leadership perspective.

"Social Distancing" - The worst public health advice
10 November 2022

Even before the Covid-19 pandemic, the UK government recognised loneliness as "one of the greatest public health challenges of our time", with Scotland and England establishing strategies to address the perceived crisis. **Dr Jo Mhairi Hale**, a member of the University's Population and Health Research Group, presents on the long-lasting impacts on health of social isolation and loneliness.

The Child Health and Mortality Prevention Surveillance (CHAMPS) project
17 November 2022

"Think locally, act locally – a new model for managing a global public health network."

Guest speaker **Professor Cynthia Whitney (Emory University)** is the Principal Investigator and Executive Director of the CHAMPS project, a nine-country programme investigating causes of stillbirths and deaths in children less than five years of age in Africa and South Asia. As well as reviewing leading causes of child mortality and discussing the steps required to move from generating data to taking action to prevent child deaths, her lecture will describe the management of a global public health network, including how the Covid-19 pandemic affected operations, and explore opportunities for (and barriers to) increasing local leadership.

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