Course title

Introduction to Public Health Ethics

Aim of the course
The aim of the course is to improve the participants’ abilities to perform ethical reflections on and ethical analyses of public health issues. Participants will be introduced to different ethical principles and theories in the field, and to the criticisms of these theories from the perspective of the others. The ethical analyses will be applied on different public health issues dealing with epidemiological research, chronic and contagious diseases and on different public health interventions addressing behaviour and environment.

Target group:
PhD candidates who work with public health related topics, where an ethical perspective could enrich the understanding of and the reflections over the issues addressed. It could be epidemiologists, health services researchers, public health science masters, political scientists, anthropologists, philosophers and historians.

Prerequisite/progression of the course
In preparation for the course, the participants are asked to write a 2 page-paper (700-1000 words) reflecting on how public health ethics is relevant for their research project. This will have to be submitted a week prior to the start of the course, and will serve as a basis for a short presentation during the course. Please also note that it is a requirement to attend the whole course in order to receive the course diploma. Participants are expected to have read a sample of texts distributed well in advance of the course of ca. 500 pages.

Faculty
Agnus Dawson, Søren Holm and Kalle Grill. For presentations see below. Jan Kyrre Berg Olsen Friis and Signild Vallgårda will act as facilitators.

Course content, structure and teaching
Each of the three perspectives will be discussed from a theoretical and analytical perspective and central concepts will be discussed in relation to concrete empirical analysis presented by guest faculty.

The teaching style of the course is a mixture of lectures, discussion seminars with short presentations, and group work. The first day will be an introduction to public health ethics and ethical issues relating to methodologies in public health - e.g. cluster trials, surveillance, natural experiments etc. The second day devoted questions of responsibility and who the public in public health is. The third day will focus on paternalism, anti-paternalism and libertarian paternalism or ‘nudging’. Morning and afternoon sessions will each hold a lecture given by invited guest faculty followed by dialogues in which students are expected to be very active. Each student will present her or his project and receive feedback from the group and the faculty facilitating the group work.
Tentative plan:

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Morning 9-12
- Lecture and theoretical discussion
- Group work on specific analysis
- Presentations and discussion

Afternoon 13-16
- Lecture
- Group work on specific analysis
- Presentations and discussion
- Group work on specific analysis
- Presentations and discussion
- Course round-up

Course specifications:

Course directors: Jan Kyrre Berg Olsen Friis and Signild Vallgårda

Level: PhD

Max number of students: 25

Language: English.

ECTS-credits: 6.3 ECTS

Course period: 14-16 November 2012

Location: CSS, Øster Farimagsgade 5, Copenhagen

Fee for PhD student who are not attached to a Danish university: 3,120 DKK

Course secretary: Michelle Aagaard Larsen, mila@sund.ku.dk

Registration: Before 15 October. No admission after deadline. Admission for PhD students will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications from external participants will be considered after the closing date. The application must be sent via the web-application: http://phdkursus.sund.ku.dk/frontPlanner/tilmelding.aspx?id=95757

Course material: Required readings will be sent by email as pdf-files to the participants after acceptance to participate in the course.
Guest faculty:


**Kalle Grill** is Marie Curie Research Fellow at the Department of Philosophy, Uppsala University. His research on paternalism stretches from theoretical issues such as how antipaternalism operates as a regulative doctrine on practical reasoning, to practical issues such as whether some kinds of information should be withheld from the public for their own good. His current research project is on libertarian paternalism, with some applications to public health policy. Publications include: Grill, K. 2010. "Antipaternalism and Invalidation of Reasons". *Public Reason* 2(2). Grill, K. 2009. "Liberalism, Altruism and Group Consent". *Public Health Ethics* 2(2). Grill, K. 2007. “The Normative Core of Paternalism". *Res Publica* 13(4).