Seminar Series: Public Health in Times of War

War in Europe was widely perceived as a problem of the past. Consequently, European Schools Public Health have taught little about war and its consequences for population health. This has changed with Russia’s invasion of Ukraine and the accompanying war crimes against civilians.

This brief seminar series with lecturers from the European region will start to fill gaps in public health curricula which have become obvious since the start of Russia’s war. When relating to the situation in Ukraine and its neighbours, and when assessing health risks, lecturers will draw explicit parallels to relevant public health challenges in other world regions, but also to relevant non-war settings.

The seminar series is organised by Bielefeld School of Public Health and the PH-LENS research group, in association with the Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region (ASPHER). The lectures will take place on Wednesdays 18:00-19:00 hrs CEST by Zoom. Students of all ASPHER member schools are invited to participate.

May 18: How do we approach health in twenty-first century wars?  
Prof Dr Samer Jabbour, American University Beirut, Lebanon

May 25: Challenges of accommodating Ukrainian refugees in Germany  
Dr Joost Butenop, Local Government of Lower Franconia, Germany  
Prof Dr Oliver Razum, Bielefeld School of Public Health, Germany

June 1: Joint international emergency response to humanitarian crises  
Dr Dorit Nitzan, Ukraine Incident Manager, World Health Organization, Regional Office for Europe

June 15: Mental health in crisis situations  
Prof Dr Jutta Lindert, Technical University Emden, Germany

June 22: Public Health work is peace work  
Dr Angelika Claußen, IPPNW President for Germany and Europe  
Dr Yudit Namer, Bielefeld School of Public Health, Germany

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