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# Community of Practice Update

## SFU Faculty of Health Sciences presents

Learning for planetary health: early lessons from a pandemic

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As we face one of the greatest challenges for public health in several generations with the COVID-19 pandemic, we also have an unprecedented opportunity as governments and citizens prepare for a post-COVID future that we hope will not be simply restoring everything to the way it was.

The pandemic has been described as climate change at warp speed. But the response to this "greatest challenge" has been quite different. Since this is such a ripe opportunity for learning, we (several eco-health colleagues and the SFU Planetary Health research group) have organized three webinars with more in planning stages. We will begin by exploring the origins of the outbreak with lessons from the animal-human interface. We will then learn from previous economic collapses and what these lessons teach us about the coming weeks and months as we emerge from the current wave of disease and economic devastation to become a healthier planet than we were before the current pandemic.

We will explore the relationships and resources needed for a recovery that makes us stronger and better able to face the challenges to planetary health that in the longer term are even more critical than the COVID-19 pandemic, but that appears less imminent to society. Our primary goal is to articulate a shared vision of this future where society bounces back but bounces forward to a better place than our pre-pandemic world.

## SPPH 581K DL3: Practical Knowledge and Skills for Working in Global Health

- Course Duration: Mon **May 11, 2020** – Sun **June 28, 2020**
- Course Materials: No textbook is required for this course. All articles will be provided to you for review. Supplementary reading is also available for your own interest.

This course is intended to introduce students to important practical skills and attitudes required in the field of global health. The course will cover

We want to hear from you

[BCCI 2 Evaluation Survey](#)

The results of this 5-10-minute survey will be disseminated in the BCCI2 Final Report, which will be shared later this year.

## York University

Dahdaleh Institute for Global Health Research COVID-19 Global Health portal

## Latest blogs

What the COVID-19 pandemic reveals about the equity implications of our choices

Dr Katrina Plamondon

## Resource Library

Be sure to check out the [BCCI resource library](#) where you can find carefully selected readings, presentations, and session guides.

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planning, delivery, evaluation and sustainability of various projects and programs in low and middle-income countries, emphasizing “big picture” issues related to North-South partnerships including ethical issues and the impact of real-world global economic and political forces on the success and sustainability of global health interventions. The principles developed by the Canadian Coalition for Global Health Research (CCGHR) will figure prominently, and it is intended that in years when BCCI is offering its summer institutes, this course be made available for course credit to interested students across BC, to strengthen a local “community of practice” in global health and provide students access to faculty members across the universities in the province.