



decolonising global health

Dialogue and reflections

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Join us on the 24th of
November in the Rode
Hoed for a vibrant day
filled with debate,
practical workshops,
and scientific
presentations

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'THE TIMES THEY ARE A-CHANGING': an old song, a new reality. We all experience the effects of global crises, whether as result of climate changes or failing (economic, political, or societal) systems. Understanding and grasping the determinants underlying these global crises, and their disproportionate effect on vulnerable people, is necessary to instigate CHANGE. This exploration cannot be done without addressing the consequences of political and economic structures of the past and the colonial reality that shaped (and continues to shape) societies at large.

The aim of the DECOLONISING GLOBAL HEALTH event is to jointly reflect on the implications of DGH for us, global health professionals and students. Starting point for this journey is to share and learn from collective and individual perspectives on the theme. We will explore the colonial impact on health systems, and on social injustice and health inequities worldwide.

Some of the dilemmas and questions we will discuss include:

- What does DGH really mean to any of us, considering your personal story?
- What does it mean for your functioning as a global health student or professional working within an institution that reflects (neo)colonial structures or practices?
- What are the characteristics of genuine and equitable partnerships (in global health practice, and in academic systems)?
- How can I increase my awareness of (colonial) patterns around me and become part of the CHANGE?

The day will close with award ceremonies: Sauerwein Medal, winners of the KCGH thesis prize, and graduates from the GH MD training programme.

Programme

09.00	Registration & coffee
09.20	Opening
09.30	Decolonising humanitarianism or humanitarian aid? – Keynote 1 by Tamam Aloudat – Medical doctor, humanitarian worker, president of the Board of Médecins Sans Frontières Netherlands
10.15	Solidarity is just a word – a global pandemic of hoarding. With a focus on vaccine nationalism – Keynote 2 by Fatima Hassan – South African human rights lawyer and social justice activist and founder of the Health Justice Initiative
11.00	Break
11.30	Reflections on the impact of DGH for global health professionals a debate on personal, institutional and societal impact of DGH
12.15	Lunch
13.15	Abstract presentations and DGH among early-career researchers - Uniting Streams
	How 'decolonial-sensitive' is the new Dutch Global Health Strategy? - Remco van de Pas / Deutsche Allianz Klimawandel und Gesundheit, ITG and Maastricht University
	Making Health Justice Happen: global health advocacy in practice - Wemos
	Training programme MD GH - Closed session for trainers
14.30	Global health soundbites on (1) Terminology in Global Health (practice, research & education) (2) Fairness and integrity in research (3) Equitable Partnerships in Educational (Med) Exchange Facilitator and introduction: Judith van de Kamp
15.15	Break
15.45	Roadmap to action
16.30	Award session Sauerwein Medal, KCGH and OIGT
17.00	Drinks