African Livelihoods and Health in a Globalized World

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This course explores the linkages among livelihoods, climate change, and human health in the context of the global flux of bodies, knowledge, technologies, capital, and health care delivery models and practices. It aims to illustrate the many ways in which health and economies in Africa are shaped by globalization, and how these processes are mediated, transformed, and contested as they articulate with local cultural, economic, and political realities. Key topics will include:

- **Family health** in the context of global infectious diseases such as ebola and HIV/AIDS, and how this is shaped by wider relationships between the human species and ecological transformations at planetary scale;
- **Local livelihoods** in the context of the globalization of capital flows (via foreign investment, multinational corporations) and ideas (e.g., free market capitalism, development, conservation);
- **Linkages** between climate change, local livelihoods, and human health;
- **Gender relations** at household level, and the diverse ways these relations shape and are shaped by land tenure, food security, and nutrition;
- **Access to healthcare and economy of care** in the context of vertical and horizontal health programs and bilateral and transnational institutions.

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