SPH2201 Health of the Poor in Asia
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Description:
This five-week summer school course introduces students to global public health, with a focus on health issues among some of the poor in Asia. It draws upon interdisciplinary resources to understand and improve population health, facilitating understanding of health within a broad societal context.

Key issues explored by the module include the following: What are the priority health issues that dominate the global health agenda today, and which disproportionately affect the poor? What are the systemic and societal factors that determine disease burden and adverse health outcomes among this subgroup? What are the community, health system and policy levers that are available to ameliorate these disparities?

Students will receive a combination of 4-week in-class instruction and a 7-day trip to the overseas field site – Vellore, India OR Phnom Penh/ Siam Reap, Cambodia.

India: The host organization will be Christian Medical College Vellore (CMCV). CMCV is one of the top-ranked medical colleges in India, with a prestigious international reputation for both clinical and community service achievements, and demonstrates successful health action for the underprivileged.

Cambodia: The host organization will be KHANA. KHANA is a linking organization of the International HIV/AIDS Alliance and the largest national NGO providing HIV prevention, care and support services at the community level in Cambodia, as well as integrated sexual and reproductive health, family planning, maternal child health, TB and livelihoods programming.

Students are to indicate which country they are interested in, or open to both countries. If the application for a country is low, the school will not conduct the overseas field trip to the country, and may instead offer the other country.

In addition to the NUS tuition fees for special term, students are required to pay for the fees for overseas fieldtrip. The following are included in the overseas fieldtrip fees:

- Airfare
- Accommodation
- Local Transportation
The following will be **NOT** be covered during the trip:
- Meals
- Visa fees, if applicable
- Internet access
- Additional travel insurance (students will be covered under the NUS insurance)
- Shopping expenditure

Students are responsible for their own pre-travel health consultation with their general practitioner or travel health provider prior to travel.

**Syllabus**

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Note: This is a 100% Continuous Assessment module, there will no final examinations.