

Seminar Four: Integrating Health in Human Rights

“It is my aspiration that health will finally be seen not as a blessing to be wished for, but as a human right to be fought for.” - Former United Nations Secretary General, Kofi Annan

Estimated reading time:

- Set reading tasks 60 minutes
- Video lesson 10 minutes
- Self Check Questions 10 minutes

Class Summary

Post-Pandemic global perspectives on the Right to Health

This class will discuss how health can be integrated into the human rights discourse. The class will highlight the role poverty plays acting as a barrier to health and that in the pursuit of health how other factors such as the relationship with equity are key to laying a secure foundation for access to health care.

Reading Task & Literature

Please read the articles below by following the associated link and then answer the self-check questions:

- Poverty, equity, human rights and health
- Defining equity in health
- Health and Human Rights

Self-Check Questions:

1. What is the connection between equity and human rights?
2. How does human rights based approach to health help to reduce poverty?

Definitions/Key Terminology

There are several terms that are used when talking about the development of the common law. Please ensure that you familiarise yourself with them:

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- Equity
- Poverty reduction
- Disenfranchised
- Marginalised
- Social disadvantage

