



Fake News and Infection Prevention

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Description Although misinformation has always existed, the scope and speed at

which fake news can reach even the most remote corners of the globe is

a modern phenomenon.

In the field of infection prevention and control, we like to believe that our dedication to the field and to the process of conducting science protects us from the ravages of misinformation and fake news. This misconception leads medical professionals to sometimes underestimate the negative

effects of misinformation on public health.

Objectives To understand how misinformation works, the effects that it can have on

public health, and why it is such a difficult concept to address adequately.

Date Thursday, 30 March 2023, 14:00-16:00

Level This is an introductory course with no prerequisites

The course is open to PhD students of the SSPH+ Inter-university

Eligibility Graduate Campus

Course 50 minutes lecture, 10 minutes discussion, 45 minutes of group work, 15

Structure minutes of presentations of the group work

Work load Preliminary Work: 1.5 h; Contact time: 2 h

Location Online course on zoom

Course Fees SSPH+ PhD Students o.- CHF

Registration <u>www.conftool.com/ssph-phd-courses2023</u>

This course is an SSPH+ IGC initiative to provide post-doctoral scientists at SSPH+ network institutions to teach.