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

Eligibility: The course is open to PhD students of the SSPH+ Inter-university Graduate Campus

Course Structure: 50 minutes lecture, 10 minutes discussion, 45 minutes of group work, 15 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 0.- CHF

Registration: www.conftool.com/ssph-phd-courses2023

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