The Sustainable Development Goals aim to, “by 2030, end the epidemics of AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria and neglected tropical diseases,” and ensure “access to safe, effective, quality and affordable essential medicines and vaccines for all” (SDG3). According to recent World Health Organization research, access to medicines and vaccinations in developing countries (SDG3b) remains low – global vaccination coverage stands at 85%, anti-retroviral therapy only reaches half of those living with HIV, and progress to end malaria has stalled. Many countries in the Global South furthermore still lack the capacity for early warning, risk reduction, and management of national and global health risks (SDG3d).

The Global Health Impact (GHI) project seeks to constructively intervene in the policy debates around global health. The GHI project is a collaboration of researchers from civil society organizations and universities from around the world, committed to alleviating the global burden of disease. Under the direction of Prof. Nicole Hassoun (Binghamton University and Cornell University), they produce some of the most comprehensive models of essential medicines’ health consequences around the world to better advance access to treatment.

The GHI index aims to measure the consequences of pharmaceutical products on global health, and estimates the disease impact in the absence of treatment using data on drug efficacy, disease incidence, and the global burden of disease remaining post-treatment. Ultimately, by illustrating this impact, the index can incentivize pharmaceutical companies and policy-makers to extend access to treatments in endemic regions.

The index was first launched at the World Health Organization in Geneva in 2015. At the Princeton relaunch event, its new website and models will be introduced and two roundtable discussions will follow, linking the project to the Sustainable Development Goals.

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Schedule

12-1:30 Luncheon talk - Nicole Hassoun with Jacob Friedman and Aidan Hollis: Presentation of the GHI project and index

1:30-3:00 Roundtable - Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals: Self-Determination, Human Rights, Development, Policy, and Practice

3:30-5 Roundtable - Beyond the Sustainable Development Goals: Data on Health to Promote Social Progress

Roundtable participants:

Jason F. Arnold, Senior Fellow and Assistant Director, Clinical and Translational Research Ethics, Institute of Human Values in Health Care, Medical University of South Carolina

Walden Bello, Former Member of the House of Representatives of the Philippines and Founder of Focus on the Global South

Barbara Buckinx, Associate Research Scholar, Liechtenstein Institute on Self-Determination, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University

Marc Fleurbaey, Robert E. Kuenne Professor in Economics and Humanistic Studies, Professor of Public Affairs and the University Center for Human Values, Princeton University

Sakiko Fukuda-Parr, UN High-Level Panel on Access to Medicines, Professor of International Affairs at the New School, former Director and lead author of the UNDP Human Development Reports (1995-2004)

Leslie Gerwin, Associate Director, Program in Law and Public Affairs, Princeton University

Alexandra Greenberg, Global Executive Committee, Universities Allied for Essential Medicines

Nicole Hassoun, Founder of the Global Health Impact project, Professor of Philosophy, Binghamton University, and Visiting Scholar, Cornell University

Susan Hayes, Global Head, Corporate Responsibility, Novartis Oncology

Aidan Hollis, President and Director, Incentives for Global Health, Professor of Economics, University of Calgary

Matthew Kavanagh, Visiting Professor of Law and Director, Global Health Policy and Governance Initiative, O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law, Georgetown University

Suraj Madoori, US and Global Health Policy Director, Treatment Action Group

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