GRAZ SUMMER SCHOOL 2011
Health Impact Assessment (HIA)
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 5 – SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2011
The postgraduate Public Health Master’s Programme at the Medical University of Graz, Austria (Universitätslehrgang Public Health– UPH) is organising a summer school programme for the second time. [http://public-health.meduni-graz.at/](http://public-health.meduni-graz.at/)

**Date:** Monday September 5 - Saturday September 10, 2011

**Topic:** Health Impact Assessment (HIA)

**Introduction:** Health impact assessment (HIA) is currently of considerable interest with focus on the international (World Health Organisation, European Union) as well as on the national level. The Graz summer school is aimed at both public health students and practitioners whose current or future work requires an understanding of the theory and practice of health impact assessment. HIA as presented in this course is based on a socio-environmental model of health, with an emphasis on qualitative as well as quantitative evidence. The information is delivered through a highly participative approach. It is important for the successful learning outcome of the course that all participants have a basic understanding of public health (e.g. health determinants, health inequalities, epidemiology and biostatistics) and are prepared to join in the process.

**Aims and objectives:** This summer school will provide participants with the opportunity to become familiar with the concepts, principles and methods of HIA with emphasis on the policy level, to get an insight into what is happening on the international as well as on the national level, to make decisions on when an HIA should be commissioned, to consider different approaches to HIA, to learn the steps and tasks of a typical HIA and to gain an understanding of the objectives and limitations of HIA.
| Day 1: Introduction to HIA | - History and origins of HIA (including a broader look at the wider HIA context)  
- HIA and health in all policies  
- How health is considered in HIA and in other impact assessments  
- The steps and tasks of a typical HIA  
- Screening and scoping overview (with exercises) | Eva Elliot, Chloe Chadderton, Cardiff School of Social Sciences, Cardiff University, Wales |
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| Day 2: Introduction to HIA | - Understand the tasks, goals and methods used in the assessment stage of HIA  
- Sessions on Evidence, including lay knowledge and civic intelligence  
- Facilitation, Participation and Engagement, Tension and Debate in HIA. Management of the HIA process, Equity and Inequalities  
- Understanding the roles of community members, public agencies, decision makers and other stakeholders  
- Reporting and recommendations  
- Monitoring and evaluation (of the impact and usefulness of HIA) | Eva Elliot, Chloe Chadderton, Cardiff School of Social Sciences, Cardiff University, Wales |
| Day 3 (half-day lecture only): Quality Review of HIA | - Quality review of HIA (using the HIA review tool developed by Ben Cave Associates) | Eva Elliot, Chloe Chadderton, Cardiff School of Social Sciences, Cardiff University, Wales |
| Day 4: Case Study I | - Learn about actually doing the assessment stage of HIA, including forecasting tools and health risk assessment and modelling  
- Understand the general approach to evaluating and utilizing epidemiologic evidence and health risk assessment to predict and quantify health impacts of public policies  
- Recognise sources of uncertainty and limitations of evidence  
- Discuss issues around stakeholder involvement and participation | Odile Mekel, Health Impact Assessment of the North Rhine-Westphalian housing subsidy program 2010, NRW Institute of Health and Work (LIGA.NRW), Germany |
| Day 5: Case Study II | - Learn about planning an HIA, project management, capacity building  
- Consider lessons for successful HIA applications including various roles, stakeholder and decision-maker buy-in and inter-agency communication  
- Discuss issues around stakeholder-involvement and participation  
- Learn how inequity is taken into account  
- Learn about the communication, monitoring and evaluation stages of HIA. | Tit Albreht, National Institute of Public Health of Slovenia |
| Day 6: Summing Up | | Martin Sprenger, Head of the Public Health Programme, Medical University of Graz |
Organisers
The team of the postgraduate public health programme, Medical University of Graz

Proposed Venue
Center for Continuing Education, University of Graz, Harrachgasse 23, 8010 Graz

Target groups
National and international public health students, students enrolled in the ASPHER EMPH project, national HIA professionals. Maximum number of participants: 24

Partners
Health Austria Ltd. (Gesundheit Österreich GmbH), Main Association of Austrian Social Security Institutions (Hauptverband der Österreichischen Sozialversicherungsträger), City of Graz (Stadt Graz)

Accommodation
For your accommodation needs please contact: Gabriella Reidl: gr@graztourismus.at

Fees
EMPH Students: Euro 250
Public Health Students: Euro 700
others: Euro 1.000

Contact
Please send your application form, your CV and a motivational letter to: alexandra.skursky@medunigraz.at

deadline for application: June 30, 2011

Looking forward to welcoming you to our Graz HIA Summer School in September 2011!

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