



African Contributions to Global Health

Video Transcript

Congratulations – you have reached the end!

DORIS: We are back at the Centre for African Studies, where we started the course.

TANJA: This is a place that is dear to us -- a site of exchange for Africanist scholars from a wide range of disciplines.

DORIS: We would like to congratulate you for what you have achieved during the last five weeks.

TANJA: Thank you for your lively participation! The whole course team enjoyed it very much.

DORIS: So, let's briefly revisit what we have explored.

TANJA: First, we investigated what global health means to us, especially African contributions to global health.

DORIS: We then discussed healthcare financing strategies, Universal Health Coverage, and results-based financing models. You know now which aspects need to be considered in order to finance healthcare systems that provide access to essential care services of sufficient quality for all, regardless of financial means.

TANJA: We then debated failures and success stories in drug development in Africa.

DORIS: Next, you acquired some of the key skills that historians use in their work. What is source criticism? How do you conduct oral history interviews? You also gained insights into South-South knowledge exchange, an important aspect to consider when studying the history of healthcare in Africa.

TANJA: Finally, we identified some of the questions and tools that are fundamental when engaging with issues of public health in growing African cities.

DORIS: In all five weeks, we delved into the world of global health from an Africanist perspective. We explored research methods and tools from various disciplines such as history, urban planning, public health, and health economics.



TANJA: Our case studies helped you evaluate how theoretical concepts and methodologies are applied in practice.

DORIS: Now that you have finished this course, we wish you the best of luck when planning your own projects related to African contributions to global health.

TANJA: We hope that your engagement in addressing these issues has only just begun! If you doubt your ability to make a difference, then think of the African proverb:

DORIS: "If you think you're too small to make a difference, you have not spent a night with a mosquito."

TANJA: Knowledge builds on answers that generate new questions. So, let's continue our discussion with a few final questions. What are your future projects? What have you learned in this course that you can apply in your own work?

DORIS: We look forward to reading your comments and discussions!

TANJA: Thank you very much for your interest in this topic which is very important to us! DORIS: We hope to meet you one day -- maybe in Basel, maybe somewhere else!