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- Introduce participants to troubled contexts;

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**BACKGROUND**

Millions of people do not have access to health care, because in many contexts it is either non-existent or dramatically failing. Most of them live in areas chronically affected by violent conflict or slowly re-emerging from it. Other stressors, such as epidemics, political crises or economic downturns, also affect vulnerable societies.

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**NATURE OF THE COURSE**

The Course, held for the first time in 2005, has evolved substantially since then. It is actively kept in progress, by constantly updating its contents, introducing new study topics and materials, and inviting new experienced lecturers. The Course programme maintains a degree of flexibility to discuss in detail topics of particular interest to participants.

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**MAIN TOPICS**

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- Systems thinking applied to management practice, including information analysis, evaluation, sustainability and resilience;

- Occurrence and control of communicable diseases in distressed healthcare arenas;

- Health policy analysis, planning and financing in troubled health settings, which have responded to stress in multiple, mostly informal ways.

- Health-related resources: personnel, medicines, facilities, and their implementation.

- How to best contribute to the recovery of disrupted healthcare arenas, through analysis, research, negotiation, appraisal of options, forecasting and implementation.

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The Course is open to a maximum of 30 participants. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis. Accepted applicants will be informed within two weeks from the moment of the submission of their application.

Applicants will be selected on the basis of the information provided in their CVs and in the on-line application form, which is available at: www.santannapisa.it/HSCR202/application. Upon submitting the application form, please remember to attach your CV. In case of problems with the on-line procedure please contact hscr@santannapisa.it. Applications must be received no later than March 03, 2021.

Successful applicants who are citizens of non-EU member states and who reside outside Italy, are strongly advised to immediately contact the Italian Embassy or consular authorities in their country of residence in order to apply for a visa (for more info please see: https://www.esteri.it/mae/it/europa/stranieri/ingressooggiornomilano/istri-ingresso/).

WHO CAN APPLY

The Course focuses on health issues, but it is open to professionals from other disciplines. Applicants must have a university degree or the equivalent of 3 years of relevant working experience. They must have a sound working knowledge of English.