

Online Webinar: Climate Justice meets Global Health *in the time of COVID-19*

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This forum will bring together stakeholders that focus on the climate justice dimensions of climate change (environmental and economic justice with an ethical/political dimensions) and global public health (health conditions related to injury, non-communicable disease, communicable diseases) and identify intersections as they relate to issues of equity, justice, risk reduction and making cities resilient. The forum will tackle the following issues:

1. The health impacts of climate change with an emphasis on disparities in the burdens for disadvantaged populations - the climate justice aspect. While much of current discourse has been focused on the sea level rise, this forum will broaden the conversation to highlight issues of heat and drought, forced migration and associated public health impacts. The forum will pay particular attention to COVID-19 and how the spread of the viral pandemics, including this one, is related to climate change.
2. What this means for public health organizations and services in areas that are directly impacted by these events. This issue is compounded by the lack of resources in the parts of the globe where the problems are most severe.
3. What are the global impacts because of climate migration, or the demand for regional or national resources to meet needs related to climate impacts?
4. What this means for participatory processes, be it for public health planning or broader democratic processes, in identifying priorities, appropriate representation and national sovereignty issues. What is the role, for example, of advanced nations and other stakeholders, including environmental justice organizations, in shaping public policies to address these issues?
5. With climate change induced drought and increasing pressures on fresh potable water, the importance of the Chicago region requires public policy preparation. What role do we all have in bringing attention to these critical issues? What might UIC, as the major research public university in the largest city in a clean water rich area, be doing to drive research and the discourse on action related to the intersection of climate justice and global health, particularly given its current prominence in the area of global health.

Keynote Speaker

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Panelists

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Moderators

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