Ebola: Mutations, Markets and the Military

November 5th, 6:30 - 8:00PM

ASEAN Auditorium
160 Packard Avenue
Medford, MA 02155

The Ebola epidemic has outstripped public health systems in West Africa. By the end of 2015, the cost to the region may reach $32 billion according to current World Bank estimates. The crisis requires attention to public health in international affairs as seldom seen before and will require careful long-term reconstructive work to the region’s economy. The White House’s decision to send 3,000 troops to Liberia, and the call from public health experts for more logistical support in the region from militaries, is noteworthy and novel; seldom has the military entered a public health crisis as it has in the Ebola epidemic.

The students of the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy are hosting a panel event, open to the public, to examine the crisis on three interdependent dimensions: public health, economic stability, and the role of the military. The event will be facilitated by the Fletcher School’s Academic Dean, Ian Johnstone. Joining our conversation as panelists are:

- Professor Gian Luca Burci, Legal Counsel of the World Health Organization, and Adjunct Professor of International Law, The Fletcher School
- Dr. Nahid Bhadelia, Director of Infection Control at the National Emerging Infectious Diseases Laboratory at Boston University
- Dr. Rachel Glennerster, Executive Director, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), and Lead Academic, IGC-Sierra Leone
- Dr. Alex de Waal, Executive Director, World Peace Foundation and Research Professor, The Fletcher School

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