Mental Health in Complex Emergencies (MHCE 11)
September 20-30, 2015 | Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Course Description
The Mental Health in Complex Emergencies (MHCE) course is an intensive multidisciplinary ten-day training course for mental health workers and humanitarian program staff who wish to gain insight and competency in establishing mental health or psychosocial programs in (post) conflict areas or in complex disaster settings. It will provide practical orientation and training to equip participants to establish and organize comprehensive programming in mental health and psychosocial support, and strengthen adjunct skills for use in complex humanitarian emergencies and relief situations. Such skills include needs assessments, monitoring and evaluation, understanding the humanitarian context, security and self-care. In the last 3 days of the course students will choose between a workshop on learning clinical or on research skills relevant to a humanitarian setting. More detailed information about course structure and learning objectives is available in the course brochure and on the website: www.fordham.edu/iiha

Course Highlights
- Interactive and practice-driven teaching
- A choice of specialised workshops in the final three days
- Faculty combines academic excellence with extensive field experience
- Diverse and international group of students
- Active alumni network

Qualifications: This is a multidisciplinary training program for participants from a variety of backgrounds. Applicants should have a background in either mental health or social work or have a relevant professional background that allows for future engagement in mental health or psychosocial program in complex emergencies. Participants must be fluent in English. Preference is given to applicants with more than two years of experience in the field. Participants are required to have a university degree.

Course location: This residential course will be held at Pyramid Resort hotel on the shores of beautiful Lake Bishoftu in Debre Zeit, approximately one hour from Addis. All students and faculty will stay at the hotel together, allowing for more informal gatherings and sharing of experiences outside formal teaching time.

Tuition fees: For those who wish to receive academic credit, the cost is: $1750. Upon successful completion of the program participants are eligible to receive two academic credits from Fordham University’s Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. Students seeking academic credit will be required to submit a research paper (1,400-1,600 words) due one month after the conclusion of the course in accordance with the guidelines provided by the Course Directors. For those who do not wish to receive formal academic credit, the cost of tuition has been reduced to $1350 Dollars. These participants will receive a certificate of attendance.

Accommodation: Accommodation including all meals has been reserved at the hotel: $1050 for 10 days.
Specialist workshop fee for previous MHCE alumni: People who have done the MHCE basic course in the past can apply separately for the 3-day workshops on (28-30 Sept): $1000 for accommodation and tuition

Scholarships: The Center for International Humanitarian Cooperation (CIHC), partner organization of the IIHA, offers a limited number of scholarships for tuition fees. To be eligible, you must be a citizen of a developing nation and be currently working within the humanitarian field.

Applications: Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. If you are interested in attending this program, please contact the International Programs Coordinator, Alexandra DeBlock at miha@fordham.edu for further instructions.

Deadlines: Once an application has been submitted and accepted, the full course fee covering both accommodation and tuition of $2400 (or $2800 if wishing for academic credit) should be paid to Fordham as soon as possible. Accommodation reservations cannot be held after the August 20, 2015. Any applicants accepted after that date will have to apply directly to the hotel for accommodation.

About the organizers:
The Institute of International Humanitarian Affairs (IIHA) was created at Fordham University in December 2001 to forge partnerships with relief organizations, offer rigorous academic and training courses at the graduate and undergraduate level, host symposia, and publish books relating to humanitarian affairs. Recognizing the need for a universally accepted basic standard of training for all humanitarian workers, the IIHA holds numerous training courses to accommodate the needs and schedules of humanitarian aid workers around the world. Website: www.fordham.edu/iiha

The Center for International Humanitarian Cooperation (CIHC) was founded in 1992 to promote healing and peace in countries shattered by war, regional conflicts and ethnic violence. Website: www.cihc.org

HealthNet TPO is a Dutch aid agency that works on health and well-being in areas disrupted by war or disasters. By working together with local communities we use ‘health’ as a means to bring people together and to restore mutual trust. Website: www.healthnettpo.org

International Medical Corps (IMC) is a global, humanitarian, non-profit organization dedicated to saving lives and relieving suffering through health care training and relief and development programs in over 30 countries. Mental health and psychosocial support services and activities are a cornerstone of our integrated and comprehensive programming. Website: www.internationalmedicalcorps.org and https://internationalmedicalcorps.org/programs/mental-health

UNHCR is the United Nations Refugee Agency, mandated to lead and co-ordinate international action to protect refugees and resolve refugee problems worldwide. In 2013 UNHCR published the ‘Operational Guidance for MHPSS Programming in Refugee Operations’ that formally recognizes the importance of MHPSS as an integral part of its mandate. Website: www.unhcr.org