

Learning Symposium India

 *2nd half of April*

The Learning Symposium in India takes place at Manipal Academy of Higher Education in Manipal, India, and aims to introduce students in the tool of system mapping and to increase students' skills and competences to work in an international, multidisciplinary team. During the learning Symposium students will participate in 3 main activities:

- 1. Field orientations.** Students will work in groups of around 12 students from different consortium partners: Thamassat University (Thailand), Afhad University for Women (Sudan), Maastricht University (the Netherlands), McMaster University (Canada), Manipal Academy of Higher Education (India), University of South- Eastern Norway. Furthermore some students from aspirant partners Niigata University (Japan) and Bangladesch University of Professionals will participate as well. The groups will work on a health related topic, and have to develop a system map on the topic their group is working on. In order to do so, they will have access to different sources of information: 1. literature. 2. visits to four sites related to the topic. 3. conversations/ interviews with stakeholders and experts. Groups have to write a report and results will be presented to other students and faculty at the end of the two weeks period and shared with the stakeholders in the field. Furthermore, as a group they write a reflection report on international, multidisciplinary group dynamics.
- 2. Weekend conference.** In a scientific conference set-up, students have to present their thesis research proposal to their colleague students and experts. Several keynote lectures from international guest speakers will be part of the program. To complete the 'scientific' simulation of this whole, the organising committee will invite you for a conference dinner, a traditional thali or the 'banana leave dinner' as it is called in the Manipal learning symposium tradition.
- 3. Presentations of project proposals** of foundations 2 in front of the GAID jury.

Several cultural excursions are part of the program as well.

Course objectives

- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of theories of health and illness relevant for field projects.
- Demonstrate ability to develop a system map.
- Communicate the findings from their projects to peers and also to non-specialist audiences and beneficiaries during field visits.
- Present research proposals to peers and receive and give feedback on presentations.
- Function in a global health team in a real life setting.

