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2024 HONORARY DOCTORATE LECTURE

SURVEILLANCE OF PUBLIC MENTAL HEALTH IN UKRAINE

WITH PROF. DR. MED. MILO PUHÁN, PHD
THURSDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 2024
13.45-14.45 | LECTURE HALL 8

The Faculty of Health Sciences and Medicine is pleased to announce the Lecture of this year's honorary doctor Prof. Dr. Milo Puhan:

SURVEILLANCE OF PUBLIC MENTAL HEALTH IN UKRAINE

Ukraine does not monitor mental health of its population and thus lacks a basis for estimating burden from mental health conditions, for setting goals and for evaluating population-based efforts for prevention and mental health care. However, due to the war, mental health of the Ukraine population will represent one of the greatest challenges for the country for the years to come. This talk will present and discuss two intertwined projects of Prof. Puhan (UZH) and partners from Ukraine. The Mental Health Assessment of the Population studies (MAP studies) initiated a public mental monitoring in 3 regions in Ukraine and in the canton of Zurich (refugees with protection status S and general Zurich population) with more than 7000 participants. The second project, funded by SNSF, includes an evaluation of novel community based mental health care centers in four cities in the Ukraine that are supported by Mental Health for Ukraine (MH4U) and financed by the Swiss Directorate for Development and Cooperation (DEZA). This project aims to develop a Learning Health System around mental health care in Ukraine. This talk will discuss the challenges of population-based studies conducted during the time of war, present first results and address aspects to consider around science to policy and science to practice efforts.

Prof. Puhan is Director of the Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Prevention Institute at the University of Zürich. The honorary doctorate is awarded for his outstanding contributions in the fields of public health and epidemiology.

The Lecture will be held in English.

The event is open to the public and free of charge. No registration required.