



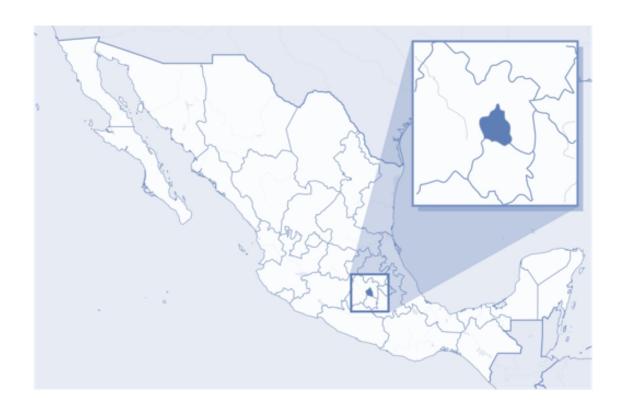


## Objectives

- Examine the public debate and political proposals in an electoral year about improving the performance of Mexico's health system with attention to the public health, political, and economic implications.
- Learn about the heterogeneity and complexity of the Mexican health system, with Mexico City and in other parts of the country.
- Contribute to program design, monitoring, and evaluation for one of three selected projects with partner institutions through a three-week group project of applied research.

### Venue

### **Mexico City**



### **Activities**

Week 1

**Mexico City** 

Seminars and site visits

Week 3

**Mexico City** 

Seminars and site visits

Final presentation

### **Pre-departure**

Readings on the Mexican health system

### Week 2

### **Mexico City**

Seminars and site visits Reflection paper

### Follow up

#### **Boston**

Mexico Conference at Harvard (February)

Present a poster at Harvard

## Seminars with key actors and organizations



Julio Frenk
President of the University
of Miami
Former Minister of Health of

Mexico



**Olivia López Arellano**Minister of Health of Mexico
City



Ruy López-Ridaura
Director General
National Center for Preventive
Programs and Disease Control



Salomón Chertorivski Woldenberg Congressman from Movimiento Ciudadano



Alma Rosa Marroquín Escamilla Minister of Health of Nuevo León

## A typical day in Mexico City

8:30 - 9:30

Morning seminar

**17:30 – 18:30** 

Afternoon seminar

10:00 - 17:00

Work with host organization

Site visits







## Potential topics for projects

- State-level health reform plans
- Federal primary health care attention model
- Access to effective and timely breast cancer treatment
- Reproductive health

## Site visits

- Tertiary care hospital
  - Hospital General de México
- Secondary care hospital
- Primary care clinic
- Clinic adjacent to a private pharmacy

### Costs

- \$250 contribution per student for jointly shared costs (bus transportation as a group, collective dinners, etc.).
- Students receive 25% of the economy round-trip airfare (as funded by the Office for Student Services) up to a set limit
  - Based upon the airfare between Boston and the location of travel, regardless of where the student originates the trip.
- Chan School students may also receive a modest contribution towards per diem expenses, based upon the length of the trip and will be determined by available funds.
  - In past years, the contribution has hovered around \$75 to \$100 per week of travel.

### Student profile

- Interest in Latin American health systems
- Interest in the Mexican health system
- **Technical capacities** relevant to health systems (for example, students from GHP 200)
- Experience with health program design, implementation, and evaluation
- Research interests related to the potential topics for projects
- Speaks Spanish\*

<sup>\*</sup>Speaking Spanish is not necessary but is preferred.

# Comments from past participants

This was a really amazing and exciting learning experience!

Definitely my favorite course! Thank you so much for all the people who are involved with this field trip! For those who are not good at Spanish, never mind! Everybody is trying to help you and you will learn a lot.

Mexico's health system from two perspectives. First, experiencing how care is provided in frontline services, and then listening to the experiences and knowledge from decision-makers.

This course is a great
opportunity to know firsthand
the challenges that decision-makers
must face in order to implement policies
or programs. Challenges that we will not
find in the books, but through the
shared experiences of those who have
been in the arena.

### **Teaching team**



**Michael Reich** 

Taro Takemi Professor Emeritus at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health



**Martin Lajous** 

Adjunct Assistant Professor of Global Health and Population Researcher at the National Institute of Public Health



**Andrea Luviano** 

Ph.D. Student in Health Policy in the Decision Science track, G3