



Globalisation and health

What is the future for global health policy? How are the old paradigms being replaced by new ones? What are the key issues in the new globalised world? Ilona Kickbusch, Director of the Global Health Programme at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva reviews the rapidly changing world of global health. In the past there were relatively few organisations involved and there was a hard dividing line between the public and private spheres. Today there are many more players and the issues are much more complex. In our rapidly shrinking world, where modern technology and infrastructure are able to compress time and distance, it is ever more important to have strong global health policies. How, though, will all the different parties, both local and international, public and private, find a way to co-operate most successfully? This material, recorded in 2006, forms part of the Open University course K311 Promoting public health: skills, perspectives and practice.