Leadership to Address Global Grand Challenges

Want to make a difference in the world? Want to learn how to work effectively on complex challenges where everyone is affected and no one is in charge? If so, this is THE course for you...

This 5-day skills-based course will introduce you to integrative leadership strategies useful in addressing global grand challenges. Global Grand Challenges have significant consequences for the well-being of societies. They are novel, emergent, highly complex, and beyond the resources or knowledge of any single discipline, organization or sector to address.

Grand challenges do not lend themselves to simple technical solutions. Single-sector actions to address these challenges often precipitate unanticipated and unintended consequences. Examples of grand challenges include global food security, emerging infectious diseases, climate change, antimicrobial use, and the control of catastrophic animal diseases.

Key objectives
Leadership practices that foster collective action across diverse groups of people include:

- Hosting dialogue, debate and deliberation
- Mapping polarities and balancing paradoxes
- Designing inclusive decision making processes

Use your leadership skills in a real meeting about a global grand challenge...
The course culminates Friday, January 16th with an opportunity to apply key leadership skills in a public setting with multi-sector stakeholders. You will serve as co-hosts for a day-long professional forum to address the contemporary grand challenge: “To label or not to label, the GMO food paradox”.

Registration
- Academic Credit
  VMED 5998 or PA 5190 (1.5 credit)

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