

Master students discuss Belgian welfare system with politicians

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Institute of Tropical Medicine Antwerp -
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Dit is de omschrijving

Our students who follow the Health Systems Management and Policy track of our Master of Public Health will debate with five Flemish politicians about health care in Belgium.

The discussion with Flemish politicians Dirk Avonts (Groen!), Yasmine Kherbache (sp.a), Nahima Lanjri (CD&V), Peter Persyn (N-VA) and Lieve Wierinck (Open VLD) is part of a module in which the students take a closer look at the Belgian welfare system and compare it with the context they work in at home. Many of the mostly African students of this year's French-language Master of Public Health course have management positions in the health system in their countries of origin.

The debate on March 20 is part of a three-week curriculum which deals extensively with social protection in health. The students will visit the National Institute for Health and Disability Insurance (RIZIV), the Ministry of Social Affairs, a health insurance fund and civil society organisations involved in the fight against poverty and social marginalisation. In addition, students will be asked to form small groups and examine the social protection situation in their home country. During the module, several guest speakers will discuss various associated elements, such as the "Matthew effect" in our social care and the historical role of social movements in the expansion of social security in our country. The debate will be moderated by Prof. Bart Criel (ITM).