This year the international public health community celebrates the 40th anniversary of the Alma-Ata Declaration on Primary Health Care (PHC), which was adopted at a symposium organised in Alma-Ata (former USSR) in 1978. PHC is both a philosophy and a strategy that embodies a radical shift in thinking about health, health care and health development. It is driven by a strong ethos of social justice and is key in enhancing the performance of health systems. For ITM, PHC and its underlying value basis remain a major source of inspiration for its academic work in the field of teaching, research and capacity building. The development of PHC is coherent with two current international priorities — Universal Health Coverage and the Sustainable Development Goals. On Tuesday 23 October, ITM is organising an international symposium on PHC with the aim to re-emphasise its relevance for health systems worldwide, but also to reflect on innovative approaches to establish effective PHC policies in a rapidly changing global environment. The event in Antwerp will bring together a varied audience comprising public health students, health professionals, members of academia, civil society representatives, aid organisations and public health policy makers - from both the South and the North.

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