

## ***Economics of Health Behaviors***

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<b>Tutors:</b>	Catherine Maclean is an Associate Professor at the Department of Economics at Temple University, USA. Catherine's research focuses on the influence of public policies on substance use, causes and consequences of substance use and mental health, and the role of employment in substance use and mental health. She has published her research in leading journals, such as the Journal of Health Economics, Health Economics, or Health Services Research.
<b>Dates/Rooms:</b>	Summer 2018
<b>Language</b>	Course language will be English.
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<b>Registration:</b>	Deadline for registration: TBD Maximum number of participants: 20 Please register by email to phd@sggoe.ch
<b>Contents:</b>	This course is intended for PhD students and other researchers interested in understanding and studying the economic causes and consequences of health behaviors such as obesity, substance misuse, and tobacco use. It will cover traditional models of health behaviors and consider new insights from behavioral economics. Moreover, time will be allocated to examine modern methods utilized to study health behaviors. The learning objectives are i) to offer students an understanding of health behavior models, ii) to provide an overview of modern econometric research, with an emphasis on causal relationships, iii) to motivate students to study the economic causes and consequences of health behaviors. The course consists of lectures and presentations.
<b>Prerequisites</b>	A good understanding of statistics (descriptive and inferential), and familiarity with the principles of quantitative methods (including linear regression, models for discrete dependent variables, etc.) is expected.
<b>Materials</b>	
<b>Credits</b>	3 ECTS
<b>Registration Fee &amp; Notes:</b>	For students of the University of Lucerne and other PhD students enrolled in the SSPH+ program no registration fee is charged. For all other participants the registration fee is 300 EURO.