

Achieving Global Health and Justice: Practical and Philosophical Challenges

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The central role of *Health Care Analysis* is to advance discourses between philosophy, health, and policy [1]. Within that very wide-ranging agenda, perhaps the most complex challenges are in global health. In countries across the world, many, many populations are unable to enjoy conditions in which they can be healthy. The barriers to change are political, economic, social, regulatory, legal, and philosophical. Lawrence Gostin's recent book on *Global Health Law* therefore marks a contribution of the highest importance, marrying practical and philosophical agendas, and aiming at achieving global health with justice [2].

To progress the important work of Gostin's book, the current journal issue draws together leading scholars in moral and political philosophy, economics, and law, with a shared interest in questions of global justice. In the first paper, Eric Friedman and Lawrence Gostin provide a clear overview of the practical and theoretical global health challenges and their response to these. Their analysis is followed by stimulating contributions from Norman Daniels, Jennifer Prah Ruger, Shawn Harmon, Attiya Waris and Laila Abdul Latif, Heather Widdows, and A.M. Viens, each engaging with questions raised by *Global Health Law*. The different papers underscore the significance of this area of inquiry, and the imperative to bring insights from scholarly work into global health practice.

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