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Historically, the global health agenda has prioritized communicable and non-communicable diseases other than mental health; however, the data now unequivocally and overwhelmingly point to the essential need to make mental health an integral component of the global health agenda. This will require innovative thinking, multidisciplinary collaboration, and strategic initiatives. The seminar is supported by faculty from across multiple departments at Columbia, providing the opportunity for intellectual discourse on essential issues in global mental health and serving as a seminal component of the multidisciplinary program in global mental health at Columbia University, aiming to facilitate professional collaborations and contribute to the field by hosting programs that address and advance the scientific, policy, and practical aspects of making mental health a core component of the global health agenda.

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2025–2026 MEETINGS

October 23 — *Advancing Suicide Prevention in a Digital World*
Kathleen Sikkema, Columbia University
Hanga Galfalvy, Columbia University
Katherine M. Keyes, Columbia University
Kathryn Lovero, Columbia University

November 13 — *Child Protection in the Era of Localization: Context, Voice, and Ownership*
Mike Wessells, Columbia University, Emeritus
Arturo Harker Roa, IMAGINA, Universidad de los Andes (Colombia)
Elen Costigan, Columbia University

March 12 — *Mental Health and Displacement in Ukraine*
Oleksandra (Sasha) Sled, Alliance for Public Health Ukraine (Ukraine)

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