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Bridging the Gap: Navigating Communication Barriers in Global Health Politics

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The field of global health politics is marked by a high degree of interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research. Whilst this is widely seen as a core strength and key intellectual attraction, it can also make effective communication much more challenging for researchers and practitioners alike. This roundtable will explore those communication challenges in the field of global health politics, and will bring together the collective experience of the roundtable participants about how to best navigate those challenges they have encountered in their research. Specifically, the roundtable will explore questions like:

- How can International Relations researchers best communicate more critical social science issues around politics, power, and ethics to wider audiences in the field?
- How can researchers communicate effectively about global health politics with vulnerable, marginalized and/or precarious groups, many of which do not possess much specialist medical or public health knowledge?
- How do global health actors reconcile the need to communicate with highly divergent audiences when managing global health issues?
- How can International Relations scholars navigate epistemic differences between the social, medical and life sciences in interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research?

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