**Box**. Examples of measures to support a self-directed and active learning style in module Trop 938

* Eleven tropical disease related topics (e.g. Malaria, TB, Neglected tropical diseases) each have specific learning objectives and resources (including papers and educational videos)
* Academic topic leads introduce each of the topics and group work themes and highlight current scientific debates in policy and practice with short videos
* Students can access all materials through the VLE five days prior to contact time
* Allocated groups of 4-5 individuals, mixed by gender, English language skill, origin, and programme (MTID and MTP) work independently on specific questions related to the topic and prepare short presentations accordingly
* Group presentations are peer assessed and feedback given by the topic lead
* For each topic students practice microscopy or the use of other diagnostic tests in the laboratory

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