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'Bright Ideas?': Innovating for Universal Health Coverage'

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Speakers

Sridhar Venkatapuram - A lecturer in global health and Director of the MSc in Global Health & Social Justice at King's. He has academic training in a range of disciplines including international relations (Brown), public health (Harvard), sociology (Cambridge) and political philosophy (Cambridge). At Harvard, he worked with the late Arjun Sengupta, UN Independent Expert on the Right to Development, in conceptualizing its philosophical and ethical framework. And his doctoral dissertation making the argument for a moral right to 'the capability to be healthy' was supervised by Melissa Lane, and examined and passed without corrections by Amartya Sen, Nobel prize winning economist and philosopher. It formed the basis of his first book titled Health Justice: An argument from the capabilities approach published in 2011 by Polity Press. He is working on his second book which focuses on the modern history and current issues in global health ethics.

Professor Sir Andy Haines (MBBS MD FRCGP FFPHM FRCP FMedSci) - Professor of Public Health and Primary Care with a joint appointment in the Dept of Social and Environmental Health Research and in the Dept of Population Health. He was previously Director (originally Dean) of London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) for nearly 10 years up to October 2010, having previously been Professor of Primary Health Care at UCL between 1987-2000. Andy Haines worked part-time as a general practitioner in North London for many years.

Lord Nigel Crisp - a prominent public health leader and advocate, who was the Chief Executive of the National Health Service (NHS) and the Permanent Secretary of the Department of Health of the United Kingdom in 2000-2006. A Cambridge philosophy graduate, Lord Crisp worked in community development before joining the NHS in 1986 to work in mental health and acute care. In 1993-1997, he served as the Chief Executive of the Oxford Radcliffe Hospital NHS Trust.

Dr David Pencheon - a UK trained Public Health Doctor & is currently Director of the NHS Sustainable Development Unit (England) (NHS SDU). The NHS SDU develops organisations, people, tools, and policy to help the NHS in England fulfil its potential as a leading sustainable and low carbon organisation. David Pencheon has worked as a clinical doctor in the NHS, a joint Director of Public Health, a Public Health Training Programme Director in the East of England, with the NHS R&D programme, and in China in the early 1990s with Save the Children Fund (UK).

Dr Tom Lissauer - Honorary Consultant Paediatrician and Paediatric Programme Director School of Public Health Epidemiology, Public Health and Primary Care. Dr Tom Lissauer has developed several paediatric health partnership programmes between Imperial College and Rwanda in conjunction with the Rwanda Paediatric Association and Rwanda Ministry of Health.

Dr Jack Kreindler (MB BS (Lon), BSc (Phys)) – Dr Kreindler consults and lectures internationally for corporations in health risk management and human performance, and is founder and managing director of the Centre for Health and Human Performance. Jack serves on the Board of the National Obesity Forum as Treasurer.

Dr Dan Magnus – Dr Magnus is a paediatric registrar with a special interest in Global Child Health, lecturer in Maternal and Child Health, and Co-Founding Trustee of KOP – a UK registered charity committed to improving the lives of orphans and vulnerable children in western Kenya. He is also in charge of developing global health teaching for medical undergraduates at the University of Bristol and sits on the committee of the international child health group at the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health.

Professor Parveen Kumar – Professor Kumar qualified in medicine at St Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College in 1966, after completing the intercalated BSc degree. She is well known for her textbook Kumar and Clark's Clinical Medicine. Kumar was appointed as a Non-Executive Director of the National Institute of Clinical Excellence (NICE) at its inception in 1999 and resigned this post in 2002 when she was appointed as the Chairman of the Medicines Commission UK. In 2006, she was president of the British Medical Association. Professor Kumar was awarded CBE for Services to Medicine in 2000 and was also the first Asian Woman of the Year (Professional) in 1999.

Sir Eldryd Parry - Eldryd Parry studied medicine at Cambridge and Cardiff. In 1977 he became the Foundation Dean of Medicine at the University of Ilorin, Nigeria, where he introduced a radical community based programme, COBES. He is an Honorary Fellow at Cardiff, Emmanuel College Cambridge, the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, the Royal College of Surgeons of England, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ghana, and a Foundation Member of the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery of Amoud University, Somaliland. In 1988 he founded THET, which he chaired until 2007. He was given a lifetime achievement award by the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene in 2007. He received the OBE in 1982 and was appointed KCMG in 2011.

Chris Venables - Christopher studied Politics at the University of York. He then went on to work in Brussels for a small advocacy group working on issues of peace and the environment where he researched and wrote on the subject of EU defence policy.

Mike Rowson – Mike studied Philosophy and English Literature followed by a degree in development studies. He is Director of Education and Senior Teaching Fellow at UCL's Institute for Global Health. Before coming to UCL, he was Executive Director of the UK-based global health charity Medact, which undertakes education and advocacy on the health effects of conflict, poverty and environmental change.

Martin Drewry - Martin's academic grounding came from the Bradford University School of Peace Studies in the mid-eighties, an experience he valued. He became director of Health Poverty Action in April 2006. He is now Director of Health Poverty Action.

Professor Allyson Pollock (To be Confirmed) (FFPH, FRCGP) - Prof Allyson Pollock and her colleagues undertake research and teaching intended to assist realisation of the principles of social justice and public health, with a particular emphasis on health systems research, trade, and pharmaceuticals. She is Professor of Public Health Research & Policy. She was director of the Centre for International Public Health Policy at the University of Edinburgh and before that head of the Public Health Policy Unit at UCL and director of research & development at UCL Hospitals NHS Trust. She trained in medicine in Scotland and became a consultant in public health in 1986.