



The Political Origins of Health Inequities and Universal Health Coverage



UiO : **GlobalGov for Health**
University of Oslo

Day one – 1 November

08:30 Registration and Coffee

09:00 Welcome: Sakiko Fukuda-Parr

09:10 Keynote: Jomo Kwame Sundaram

09:30 Session 1

The Lancet-University of Oslo
Commission on the Global Governance
for Health: Political origins of health
inequities - challenges for UHC



Chaired by **Desmond McNeill**

Ole Petter Ottersen, Karolinska University
David McCoy, Queen Mary University London
Judit Rius Sanjuan, UNDP
Rosalind McKenna, Open Society Foundation

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 Session 2

National struggles for health equity
and universal health coverage: political
drivers



Chaired by **Jashodhara Dasgupta**

Anne-Emanuelle Birn, University of Toronto
Ramya Kumar, University of Jaffna
Cristiani Vieira Machado, Oswaldo Cruz
Foundation
Ruth Prince, University of Oslo

13:00 Lunch break

14:00 **Session 3**

Trade and investment agreements and policy space for achieving universal health coverage

Chaired by **Ted Schrecker**

Sanya Reid Smith, Third World Network
Sakiko Fukuda-Parr, The New School
Susan Sell, Australian National University
Deborah Gleeson, La Trobe University



15:30 Coffee break

16:00 **Film screening**

The film **Pili** is a feature length drama about the life of a marginalized, HIV-positive woman in rural Tanzania.

Producer: **Sophie Harman**
Director: **Leanne Welham**

The film will be followed by a discussion chaired by **Sonja Kittelsen** and **Antoine de Bengy Puyvallée**.



18:00 End of conference day one

19:00 Reception at Frokostkjelleren

Frokostkjelleren is located in the University buildings in the city centre of Oslo, a 5 minutes' walk from the conference hotel. Address: Karl Johans gate 47.

Day two – 2 November

08:30 Session 4

Public or private financing for UHC?
The consequences for health equity

Chaired by **Naoko Yamamoto**

Robert Yates, Chatham House

Anna Marriott, Oxfam

Naoki Ikegami, St Luke's International University

Edwine Barasa, KEMRI-Wellcome Trust Kenya



09:45 Coffee break

10:00 Session 5

Shifting roles of philanthropy, corporations
and NGOs

Chaired by **Sridhar Venkatapuram**

Katerini Storeng, Centre for Development and the
Environment, University of Oslo

James Pfeiffer, University of Washington/ Health
Alliance International

Manjari Mahajan, The New School

Nora Kenworthy, University of Washington Bothell

Susan Erikson, Simon Fraser University



11:30 Lunch break

13:00 Session 6

Political determinants of health
inequalities in global governance:
conceptual exploration



Chaired by **Sakiko Fukuda-Parr**

Ted Schrecker, Newcastle University
Suerie Moon, The Graduate Institute Geneva
Alexander E. Kentikelenis, Bocconi University
Sidsel Roalkvam, Centre for Development and the Environment, University of Oslo

14:00 Coffee break

14:30 **Session 7**

Future agenda for research and policy

Chaired by **Katerini Storeng**

Iona Kickbusch, The Graduate Institute Geneva & UHC2030
Tammy Boyce, WHO European Office for Investment for Health & Development
Seye Abimbola, BMJ Global Health / University of Sydney
Salima Namusobya, Initiative for Social and Economic Rights Uganda



15:30 **Closing remarks**

Naoko Yamamoto, WHO, Assistant Director-General for Universal Health Coverage - representing Dr Tedros, Director General of the WHO
Sakiko Fukuda-Parr, Director of The Independent Panel on Global Governance for Health

16:00 **End of conference**

About the Organizer

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Background

The root causes of health inequities reside in decisions made outside of the health sector. For example, global systems governing trade, extractive industries and private finance increasingly shape countries' ability to improve health equity.

The Lancet-University of Oslo Commission on Global Governance for Health (2014) drew attention to these political origins of health inequalities. The University of Oslo then established **The Independent Panel on Global Governance for Health** to follow-up and advance the research and policy agenda identified by the Commission.

This conference is the first of three international conferences the Panel will organise to bring together academics, policymakers and civil society representatives to discuss how global politics shape inequities in health.

Research topics

- The relations between trade agreements and health
- The impact of extractive industry on health
- The World Bank's reluctance to engage with human rights
- Philanthrocapitalism
- The political determinants of health inequities and UHC

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The Political Origins of Health Inequities and Universal Health Coverage

Achieving Universal Health Coverage (UHC) is arguably one of the most important targets in the Sustainable Development Goals framework, in that its achievement is central to other targets and goals. It is therefore not surprising that this challenge has received priority attention in global debates. However, much of these debates have focused on national health systems, and particularly issues of financing and benefits. Little attention has been given to policies outside of the health sector as key factors that play an important role in achieving UHC.

This conference brings together researchers, policymakers and activists from around the world who are engaged in cutting edge work on issues related to the theme of the conference.



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