

GENDER AND HEALTH SEMINAR SERIES

SPEAKERS



WHEN?

8 Oct 2019
(Tuesday)
11.00 am – 1.00 pm

WHERE?

Level 1, UNU-IIGH Building
HUKM Medical Complex,
Jalan Yaacob Latiff, Cheras.

AGENDA

10.45am – Registration
11.00am – Director's welcome note
11.10am – Gender and Health seminar
12.30pm – Q&A
1.00pm – Lunch

*Admissions are *STRICTLY* invite-only

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Please see page 2 for the abstracts of the talk.



TK Sundari Ravindran holds a Ph.D. in Applied Economics and served for twenty years as Professor of Public Health in the Achutha Menon Centre for Health Science Studies,

Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, Trivandrum. She is a Visiting Faculty at the School of Public Health, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa. Sundari is a member of the governing board of the National Health Systems Resource Centre, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. She was a co-editor of *Reproductive Health Matters* (now *Sexual and Reproductive Health Matters*) and is currently a member of its editorial advisory board. She has worked with the World Health Organisation in its headquarters and regional offices in various capacities.



James L. Lang is a Senior Visiting Scholar at the United Nations University International Institute for Global Health. Among his many roles, from 2008-14 James created and

led Partners for Prevention, an innovative UN joint programme focused on violence prevention in Asia-Pacific that produced the largest data set on drivers of violence in the region. He also served as the Asia-Pacific Regional Advisor on Gender, Violence and Rights for UNDP. Recently, designed and launched the UNDP – UNU global project focused on connecting gender-based violence prevention to progress on multiple Sustainable Development Goals. James remains an active researcher, writer and trainer and has published numerous works on ending violence against women and engaging boys and men in gender equality.

Abstract 1 – Professor Sundari Ravindran

Sexual and reproductive health in universal health coverage: A review of recent evidence

Target 3.7 of the Sustainable Development Goal 3 on health reaffirms the ICPD commitment to universal access to sexual and reproductive health services, extending the deadline for its achievement from 2015 to 2030. But rather than being a stand-alone commitment as in ICPD, universal access to SRH services in SDGs stands alongside Target 3.8, of achieving universal health coverage.

While mutually reinforcing nature of Targets 3.7 and 3.8 is widely acknowledged, SRH services have not always been on the agenda when global and national-level discussions and decisions are made on financing healthcare and setting priorities.

This seminar will present key findings from a review of recent evidence on the extent to which sexual and reproductive health services have been prioritised in global and national plans for UHC. It will also discuss the impact of UHC-related health system reforms on universal access to sexual and reproductive health services.

Abstract 2 – Mr James L. Lang

Re-thinking the Prevention of Violence Against Women and Girls

Why do 1 and 3 women around the world still suffer violence from men? What progress has been made over the years in addressing violence against women and girls, and what more needs to be done?

This discussion will examine how gender violence prevention operates within the international aid and global public health fields and will explore what is working and what can be done differently for longer term impact. We will discuss achievements of the prevention field to date, outline challenges and biases that are constraining its progress and recommend ways forward to overcome these challenges.