Meet the speakers

Professor Sarah Hawkes

Sarah Hawkes is a medical doctor with a degree in sociology and a PhD in epidemiology. She is Professor of Global Public Health at University College London where she leads a research theme analysing the use of research evidence in policy processes, particularly in relation to gender and health equity. Sarah is Director of the UCL Centre for Gender and Global Health and co-Director and co-founder of Global Health 50/50 which advances action and accountability for gender equality in global health. She has lived and worked for much of the past 25 years in Asia, where she has gathered evidence, collaborated to strengthen capacity, and operated at the interface of policy and research communities. Here is her web page

Professor Lawrence O. Gostin

Lawrence O. Gostin is University Professor, Georgetown University’s highest academic rank, and Founding O’Neill Chair in Global Health Law. He directs the World Health Organization Center on National and Global Health Law. Gostin is Professor of Medicine at Georgetown University and Professor of Public Health at Johns Hopkins University. The WHO Director-General appointed Prof. Gostin to high-level positions, including expert panels on the International Health Regulations (IHR) and on Mental Health. He served on the Director-General’s Advisory Committee on Reforming WHO, as well as WHO expert advisory committees on pandemic influenza, smallpox, genomic sequencing, and migrant health. He served on WHO’s Blue Ribbon Panel on global health equity. He co-chairs the Lancet Commission of Global Health Law. Professor Gostin served on two global commissions on the 2015 Ebola epidemic. He was senior advisor to the UN Secretary General’s post-Ebola Commission.
Professor John T. Monahan

John T. Monahan is the Senior Advisor to Georgetown University’s President and a Senior Fellow at the McCourt School of Public Policy. In his current position, he advances strategic university-wide initiatives in global health and related areas; co-chairs The Lancet Commission on Global Health and Law; and teaches courses in Georgetown’s law, nursing, and foreign service schools. Over the course of his professional career, Monahan has played multiple leadership roles in government (serving in all three branches of the federal government), philanthropy, academia and politics at the global, national, and state/local levels. He has focused on managing complex health and social service programs affecting vulnerable populations in the United States and abroad.

Professor John Coggon

John Coggon was appointed to a Chair in Law at the University of Bristol Law School in August 2016, having previously worked at the Universities of Southampton and Manchester. His primary areas of expertise are in Health Law and Policy, with particular points of focus in Public and Global Health Ethics and Law, and Mental Capacity Law. His research is rooted in legal, moral, and political theory, and aims to bring insights from these to policy and practice. He is a founding member, and former co-Director, of the University of Bristol’s Centre for Health, Law, and Society. He also a member of the Bristol Population Health Science Institute, and the Centre for Public Health. In June 2016 he was made an Honorary Member of the UK Faculty of Public Health (FPH).
Dr Geetanjali Gangoli

Geetanjali Gangoli has worked on violence against women and feminist movements in India with a special emphasis on legal activism. She has also researched on issues around sex work, trafficking and social policy in South Asia. Dr Gangoli has taught at the University of Delhi (1995-7); been a visiting research fellow at the London School of Economics and Political Science (1999-2000) and worked as a Research Fellow at the International Centre for the Study of Violence and Abuse, University of Sunderland. Geetanjali’s recent work has been on exploring the meanings of justice for survivors of gender based violence in the UK; on looking at provisions to prevent and tackle sexual abuse for refugee and asylum seeking women in the UK; and looking at social movement responses to sexual abuse and violence in India.

Professor Rachael Gooberman-Hill

Rachael Gooberman-Hill is a Professor of Health and Anthropology and Director of the Elizabeth Blackwell Institute for Health Research at the University of Bristol. With a background in social anthropology her research interests span long-term health conditions, long-term pain, global health, decisions about healthcare and implementation of healthcare. Rachael's own research has included work in the Pacific, the UK and Europe and has included diverse approaches including ethnography, clinical trials and implementation science. She has published over 150 peer reviewed articles and chapters, has served on national and international committees and professional associations, and in 2016 she received the British Pain Society Medal. As Director of the Elizabeth Blackwell Institute she supports research that brings different approaches together, with emphasis on research that has potential to improve health and wellbeing. Her work at the Institute is underpinned by consideration of equality, diversity and inclusion.
Deborah A Lawlor is a Professor of Epidemiology and Deputy Director of the UK Medical Research Council Integrative Epidemiology Unit at the University of Bristol. She has a background in clinical and public health medicine and her research is concerned with the causes and consequences of adverse reproductive and perinatal health. She has a particular focus on the effects of adverse reproductive and perinatal health on future risk of cardiometabolic health in women and their children. She has developed and applied novel lifecourse epidemiology and causal inference methods to her research. She has an interest in global epidemiological studies and co-production of research with communities. She works with researchers, practitioners and communities from multiple backgrounds on birth/pregnancy cohorts in Europe, sub-Saharan African and Latin America and is currently working with multi-disciplinary groups in Pakistan and Sri Lanka to develop pregnancy/birth cohorts there.