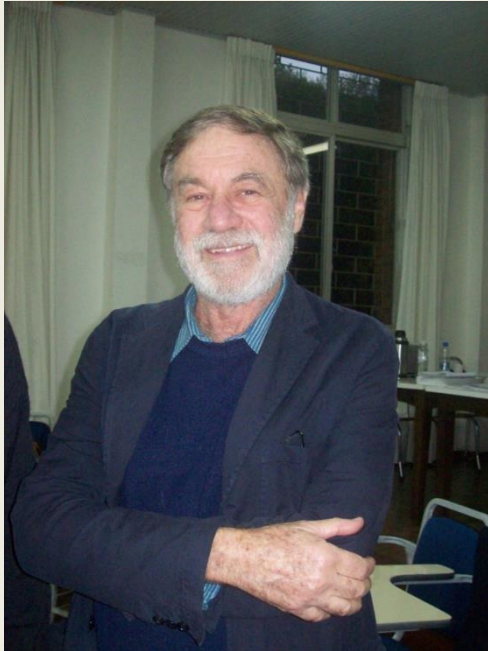


# In memory of David Sanders

A tribute to a life and career in medicine, health and social justice



Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 4.30 – 6.45pm

Willoughby Lecture Theatre

Charterhouse Square

Barts and the London Medical School

**“The way that he managed  
to combine his academic work  
with being a public commentator  
on health issues and an activist  
was one of his many  
achievements”**

Professor Uta Lehmann, SOPH  
cited in, The Lancet

You are invited to join us in celebrating a phenomenal life. David Sanders, doctor, health activist, academic and founding member of the People’s Health Movement, died suddenly from a heart attack on 30<sup>th</sup> August while on holiday in Wales, leaving health scholars, practitioners and activists all over the world shocked and deeply saddened.

Among the hundreds of tributes that have been written, David has been described as a giant of public health and a courageous voice who applied his clinical experience and public health knowledge to improve health in Africa and elsewhere. David never gave up on his commitment to social justice, whether teaching students, mobilising communities, or challenging governments and powerful institutions such as the World Bank and the Gates Foundation.

David, who was born in the then Rhodesia, spent most of his adult life in South Africa, where he set up the School of Public Health at the University of Western Cape, and was a leading member of PHM South Africa. His two seminal books on global public health (*The Struggle for Health* and *Questioning the Solution*), together with countless publications on child malnutrition and the political economy of health, have been read by thousands of students and practitioners in the UK and elsewhere.

Join us to celebrate David’s legacy and hear about the personal, clinical, academic and political dimensions of David’s work that are relevant and important to various contemporary challenges facing people in Africa and the UK.

# Programme

## In memory of David Sanders: a tribute to a life and career in medicine, health and social justice

Chair: Martin Drewry, *Health Poverty Action*

### ❖ Drinks reception

### ❖ Personal reflections

Marsha Sanders, *David's sister*

Anna Livingstone, *Tower Hamlets GP*

Ruth Stern, *University of the Western Cape*

### ❖ An overview of David's contribution

Anthony Costello, *Professor of Global Health and Sustainable Development, UCL*

### ❖ David's relevance to contemporary global health

David McCoy, *Professor of Global Public Health, QMUL*

### ❖ Panel discussion: The Inseparability of Politics and Health

To include:

Anuj Kapilashrami, *PHM UK, QMUL*

Natalie Sharples, *Health Poverty Action, PHM UK*

Colin Leys, *Centre for Health and the Public Interest*

Simukai Chigudu, *University of Oxford*

### ❖ Open contributions from the floor

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<https://www.facebook.com/events/1867093943436072/>

*We look forward to seeing you all there to pay tribute to a phenomenal life as well as reflecting on the contemporary challenges facing global public health*

# Speakers

**Simukai Chigudu** is a medically trained doctor and public health specialist who went on to study politics and development. He is currently Associate Professor of African Politics & Fellow of St Antony's College at the University of Oxford. His latest publication is: Chigudu S: "The politics of cholera, crisis and citizenship in urban Zimbabwe: 'People were dying like flies'" African Affairs, 2019.

**Anthony Costello** is a British paediatrician. Until 2015 Costello was Professor of International Child Health and Director of the Institute for Global Health at the University College London. Anthony was most notable for his work on improving survival among mothers and their newborn infants in poor populations of developing countries. From 2015 to 2018 he was director of maternal, child and adolescent health at the World Health Organisation.

**Martin Drewry** has a long background in the voluntary sector, initially as an award-winning grass-roots community development worker in the UK, before moving to international development. Martin has been the director of Health Poverty Action since April 2006.

**Anuj Kapilashrami** is a Senior Lecturer / Associate Professor in Global Health Policy with an interdisciplinary background in Sociology and Public health. She works at the intersections of health politics and development praxis, with particular interest in their interface with gender, human rights and social justice.

**Colin Leys** is a political economist who taught at Balliol College, Oxford and then became the first Principal of Kivukoni College in Dar es Salaam, before holding chairs at Makerere University, Uganda, and the universities of Sussex, Nairobi, Sheffield, and Queen's University, Canada. He is the founding Chair of the Centre for Health and the Public Interest.

**Anna Livingstone** is a long standing personal friend and a Tower Hamlets General Practitioner

**David McCoy** is a clinician and public health specialist who spent ten years working in South Africa. He is the former Director of the UK-based global health charity, Medact.

**Marsha Sanders** is David's sister and is involved in a project mentoring refugee doctors

**Natalie Sharples** is the Head of Policy and Campaigns at Health Poverty Action where she leads the organisation's campaigns to tackle the social, political and economic causes of poverty and poor health. She sits on the Global Steering Committee of the People's Health Movement and the board of the Western Sahara Campaign UK.

**Ruth Stern** has worked as a health promotion academic and practitioner in both the UK and South Africa for many years. She spent several years on the staff of the School of Public Health (SOPH) at the University of the Western Cape, South Africa working with David