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Pandemic diseases: Can we learn the lessons of history?

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Human history has been shaped, and continues to be shaped, by infectious diseases and pandemics. This presentation will review lessons from several modern pandemics, including smallpox, influenza, HIV/AIDS, SARS, and Ebola. It will explore the idea of a 'typology' of pandemics and whether this approach can improve preparedness. It will also ask whether the concept of 'global health security', incorporating a focus on 'personal health security', is a useful way of framing a more effective and equitable response to such events.

Michael Baker is a public health physician and Professor of Public Health at the University of Otago, Wellington. He has a strong interest in infectious disease surveillance, prevention and control as well as disease determinants such as housing conditions, socio-economic inequalities, and environmental change.

Michael was the recipient of the NZ-UK Link Foundation 2015 Visiting Professorship at the University of London's School of Advanced Study (SAS) and also spent a period at the European Centre for Disease Control in Stockholm where he explored some of the ideas that will be presented here.

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12.30 to 1.30

Small Lecture Theatre

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