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# Economics: why it matters for health

This presentation will provide a vivid reminder of why economic and social policy affects us all. It will explore how the health of societies is strongly influenced by decisions we make about the distribution of wealth and how we respond to such events as the global financial crisis. The consequences of austerity, from the great depression through to the present will be discussed. It will illustrate why we should not accept for a moment that the 'free market' will deliver the healthy, sustainable society that most of us desire. There are more positive ways of organising our collective affairs that will be discussed.

## Professor David Stuckler

Professor of Political Economy and Sociology at Oxford University. His research has explored how social policy and economic changes profoundly influence health across the globe, in settings as diverse as the UK, Russia and Sub-Saharan Africa. He uses large datasets and statistical modelling to understand the root causes of epidemics of both infectious and non-communicable diseases. He wrote the highly influential book "The Body Economic: Why austerity kills" (2013, with Sanjay Basu) and co-edited the book "Sick Societies: Responding to the global challenge of non-communicable disease" (in 2011).



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