

MAX WEBER MULTIDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH WORKSHOP  
Lectures Series on Health and Healthcare

## ***Turning the Tide: Contemporary Challenges to Health and Healthcare in Europe and Beyond***

Online - via Zoom

11 May 2021 | 18 May 2021 | 25 May 2021 | 1 June 2021 | 8 June 2021

### **Workshop Organizers**

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Health and healthcare issues have never been as salient as in the context of the present COVID-19 pandemics. This lecture series addresses the following questions: What are the main challenges facing population health and healthcare policies in the context of the present pandemic in Europe and beyond? How have countries dealt with these challenges? And what are the future prospects of health and healthcare in this pandemic-ridden world?

The aim of this lecture series is to explore these questions from diverse disciplinary perspectives. The lectures will cover topics of health inequalities, vaccinations, mental health, EU's health future and healthy ageing.

The event is organized as a series of lectures with renowned speakers who have worked on the topic of health and healthcare from different angles, with the Max Weber Fellows acting as moderators.

### **Location**

Zoom.us (the link will be disseminated by email).

### **Housekeeping**

- The Zoom meetings will be accessible around 5 minutes before the beginning of each session. For security reasons, please do not circulate the zoom link without prior authorization.
- Video and audio: we strongly encourage everyone to keep their video on in order to retain a feeling of presence and community; however, everyone but the presenter should mute their microphones. The presenter should open their presentation on their laptop and share their screen. In case of a video-recorded event, only the speakers will appear in the recording before the Q&A. In that specific case, we invite you to switch off your video and audio when not intervening.
- Questions: all questions should be asked during the Q&A. Please use the “raise hand” feature of Zoom (by clicking on “participants” in the bottom of your screen and then on “raise hand” in the bottom right corner), wait for the acknowledgement by the moderator, then unmute your microphone, and speak up.

## Program

### *Lecture 1 - Health Inequalities: Which Role of the Health System?*

**Terje Andreas Eikemo**

Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU)

Centre for Global Health Inequalities Research (CHAIN)

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**Tuesday, 11 May 2021 | 4:00-5:00 PM**

[CHAIN is the leading centre and interdisciplinary research network for global health inequalities research.](#)

It brings together expert researchers in the field of health and their social determinants (from genes to society), WHO, the GBD Study, civil society and the UN system to advance health inequalities research, especially for children's health. It seeks to monitor, explain and reduce inequalities. In this presentation, CHAIN leader Terje Andreas Eikemo will provide an example of its research through the role of health systems in understanding the social distribution of mortality.

Many of the pathways connecting social position to health can potentially be found within healthcare systems. However, it is unclear whether some systems are associated with larger socioeconomic inequalities in mortality than others. This question is particularly relevant for fatal outcomes that would have been avoided with timely and effective health care.

In order to advance research on macro-level explanations for cross-national differences in socioeconomic health inequality, we need to link country-level mechanisms to specific and system sensitive health outcomes rather than relying on general indicators of health or mortality. Supported by register data from several European populations, I will discuss the role that healthcare plays in the social distribution of mortality in Europe.

More specifically, I ask to what extent the magnitude of educational differences in mortality amenable to healthcare vary among between European healthcare system types. I will also address possible mechanisms connecting healthcare systems, social position, and health.

I will show that factors located within the healthcare system are relevant for health inequalities, as inequalities in mortality amenable to medical care are present in all healthcare systems, but also that important variations can be observed between the systems.

**About the speaker:** Terje Andreas Eikemo is a professor of sociology at the Norwegian University for Science and Technology (NTNU). He is directing the Centre for Global Health Inequalities Research (CHAIN) and he has been the Editor-in-Chief of the Scandinavian Journal of Public Health since 2016.

**Registration:** Please register [here](#)

*Lecture 2*

**Jonathan Kennedy**

Queen Mary University of London

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**Tuesday, 18 May 2021 | 4:00-5:00 PM**

*Lecture 3*

**Scott Greer**

University of Michigan

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**Tuesday, 25 May 2021 | 4:00-5:00 PM**

*Lecture 4 - Covid-19 and Mental Health in Italy*

**Veronica Grembi**

University of Milan

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**Tuesday, 1 June 2021 | 4:00-5:00 PM**

*Lecture 5 - The Politics of Healthy Ageing: Myths and Realities*

**Jane Gingrich**

University of Oxford

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**Tuesday, 8 June 2021 | 4:00-5:00 PM**