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On

'The Crisis of Global Health: Elusive Progress'

Striking and shameful disparities in health as major characteristics of health across the globe will be described. Causal factors at play, their pathophysiology and implications will be outlined and explicated. Climate change and environmental degradation related to human consumption activities are additional growing risks to global health. Such threats cannot be corrected through outdated, highly individualistic and exclusively biomedical ways of thinking. The 21st century challenge is to replace the current meaning of 'global health' with a concept of global or planetary health as an ecocentric concept that goes beyond anthropocentric considerations to include the importance of the interconnectedness of all life and human well-being on an ecologically threatened planet. Given human nature, a major global shift towards a more uniformly held ecocentric and co-operative belief system seems unlikely. As it is arguably essential, such an agenda is, at the very least, deserving of the attention of scholars and concerned citizens of the world.

Date: Wednesday 17 February 2016
Time: 17h00 (Tea will be served from 16h30)
Place: South African Astronomical Observatory (SAAO) Auditorium, Observatory Road, Observatory*

*Directions to SAAO Auditorium *: From the N2, turn off to the M57 – **Liesbeek Parkway**; turning in the direction of Cape Town and continue until the traffic lights with Hartleyvale (hockey and football) on your left. Turn right at traffic lights into Observatory Road, pass the **River Club**; the **S A Astronomical Observatory** is next on the left. Once through the security gates bear left following the SALT signs to the auditorium i.e. last building on the left (white with stoep & ramp).*

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