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Signature Seminar Series

Making Global Health Equity Work: Community-Driven Research on Emerging Infections in Brazil

ABOUT THE LECTURE

Rapid urbanization, together with social inequity, has fueled the global expansion of urban informal settlements, whose more than one billion inhabitants are vulnerable to emerging infections such as rat-borne leptospirosis, arboviral infections, and SARS-CoV-2 as seen during the recent pandemic. The seminar builds upon the premise that "equity in outcomes requires equity in process". Examples of research implemented by the Brazilian Ministry of Health on infectious disease threats in informal settlements will be used to argue that effective solutions in protecting vulnerable populations requires partnerships and processes grounded in equity and empowering communities as actors and drivers. The seminar will also assert that equitable global health partnerships benefits equally the global north and the global south.

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Host: **Prof Ooi Eng Eong**
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Date: **Monday, 11 December 2023**

Time: **12.00 PM - 1.00 PM**
(Light refreshments will be served at 11.30 AM)

Venue: **Duke-NUS Medical School**
Amphitheatre, Level 2

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ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Albert Ko is an infectious disease epidemiologist whose research centers on health problems that have emerged due to rapid urbanization and social inequity. He and his team mobilized responses in Brazil to multiple epidemics, which include meningitis, leptospirosis, dengue, Zika, and the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Ko directs the NIH Global Health Equity Scholars Program and co-chaired of Reopen Connecticut Advisory Group which developed the state's COVID-19 response during the pandemic.

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